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Rochester Tree Dazzles Up the Night

By Jean Perry

Rochester has got a pretty solid Christmas tradition with its annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony – the selectmen welcome the crowd, the Rochester Memorial School band and chorus provide the Christmas ambience, the Christmas poster winner is announced and then he gets to flip the switch that lights up the tree in front of the Town Hall in time for Santa's extravagant arrival via fire truck.

This time, though, there was one detail that made this year's tree lighting different and pleasantly surprising to the people of Rochester.

Instead of a star-topped tree of purely white lights, this year the tree was trimmed with strands of multi-colored lights – a treat for those of us who prefer the dazzling display of color in our Christmas.

It was a warm December day on Monday the 3rd, but the crisp closing-in-on-Christmas air quickly cooled as the festivities unfolded, making that post-tree lighting cup of cider and cookies inside the warmth of Town Hall even

On the cover: *In a mad dash, Santa gave out candy canes as fast as his white-gloved hands could handle it on December 3 during the annual Rochester tree lighting ceremony in front of Town Hall. Santa made his entrance upon his bright red fire truck with bells and whistles blaring to a crowd of children eager for a high-five. Photo by Jean Perry*

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more enjoyable.

This year's first place winner for best Christmas poster was Cadel Bosma. All the poster entries will remain on display inside the Town Hall throughout the month.

Santa and Pizza a Marion Tradition

By Jean Perry

The children of Marion are lucky to have a police chief with friends in high places, and it doesn't get any higher up on the globe than the North Pole.

Marion Police Chief John Garcia just so happens to know Santa Claus – or, at least, knows someone who knows someone who knows Santa Claus and was able to arrange for yet another visit on Sunday, December 2, for the Marion Police Brotherhood's annual "Pizza with Santa" at the Benjamin D. Cushing Community Center.

Hundreds of kiddies and their families turned out for that all-important encounter with Saint Nick and the chance to sit on his knee, tell him all about that special gift they hope to receive this year, a quick iPhone photo, a candy cane, and a free slice of pizza.

This year Mrs. Claus joined her dear Santa in the fun at the request of Town Hall's own Michele Bissonnette – what luck that Marion kids have not one, but two people with Christmas connections!

Guests were encouraged to bring a new unwrapped toy for the toy drive, which will be donated to the Justice Resource Institute and also to local families in need.

Empty Bowls and Bellies Filled at ORR Fundraiser

By Jean Perry

For some of us, this is the hardest time of year. As many of us revel this holiday season in abundance with our loved ones and friends, others are just wondering how they are going to make it through another week of providing shelter, warmth, comfort, and food for their families.

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It took months for the Ceramics and Art I students in ORRHS art teachers Joanne Mogilnicki and Kate Butler's classes to create the dozens of one-of-a-kind, hand-painted ceramic bowls displayed in stretching rows across the long tables in the cafeteria the evening of November 29. The concept is simple: create the bowls, guests pay just $10 and get to pick which bowl they like the most, and then they get filled by their choice of soup. After, guests leave with a belly full of bread and hot soup and get to keep their bowl.

"They can keep their bowl in their cupboard to remind them that they have food, but also that there are people who don't," said Mogilnicki. "Project Empty Bowls is a global campaign to raise awareness of the invisible hungry," she continued.

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The students rather enjoyed the project, Butler said, and participating students each made at least two bowls so they could keep one for themselves, as a gift for themselves, but also as a reminder of the importance of the small act of creating a bowl to address an even greater act of feeding someone whose bowl is empty.

"It's really great to see that the kids could create something that could help the community, and it doesn't have to be big; it can be something small," said Butler. "And I think the kids are amazed when they can make something that they can actually use and feel accomplished and happy because they themselves made it."

Each ceramic bowl had its own unique individual charm. The many bowls of all sizes and colors and designs made it difficult for some to choose which one to take, but the sumptuous smell of soups simmering across the way undoubtedly elicited a slight sense of urgency to the selection process as the empty bellies of the hungry grumbled, eager to become one of the bellies feeling full and, hopefully, ever mindful of what a gift it is when your bowl indeed runneth over.

The U.S. Auxiliary Coast Guard: A Short Overview

By George B. Emmons

The U.S. Auxiliary Coast Guard was founded by two acts of congress, first in1939 to replace the Coast Guard Reserve, and then in 1941 to establish the organization to promote and protect recreational boating safety in all coastal regions of the 50 states and its territories.

As a national organization, it is divided into regional districts which are then designated to be set up by townships and identified as flotillas. The motto of a flotilla is "Semper Paratus" – always ready – in peace or wartime.

At the start of World War II, 50,000 members with their vessels joined the war effort under the National Terrorist Advisory System. Perhaps they had been motivated by the precedent of England's military implementation of small craft evacuation at Dunkirk. Thousands of allied troops surrounded by German forces were rescued and ferried across the English Channel to safety in Britain. Not unlike the Minutemen of Concord and Lexington, the miraculous nautical activation of small civilian craft in a voluntary flotilla may have set a military

precedent that could well be implemented today in an emergency.

The Marion Flotilla here was among the first in the district national system to be formed and is designated as No. 1 in the Southern New England region. Five years ago, it secured space for its activities at 13 Atlantis Drive near Route 6. Space was available there to teach water safety and promote Southcoast events. One event is the popular annual and landmark gathering for the Buzzards Bay Swim.

They have also adopted the Ned Point Lighthouse to be open for guided tours, and also decorated and operated for holidays, as in my illustration. Local lighthouses today stand as landmark sentinels of south shore protection history. The south shore from Dartmouth, New Bedford, Fairhaven, Mattapoisett, Marion, and Wareham is a heritage of their operation.

The adoption of Ned's Point light by the Auxiliary sets a fine local precedent to augment existing and historic recognition and appreciation.

Marion's main function, like other flotillas, is to provide services, including launching an annual safe boating week. This recognition is augmented by available boat owner safety check off lists and voluntary dockside safety inspections. Also, inspections by boat owners can be scheduled by appointment.

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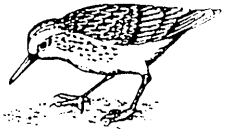

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The Auxiliary operates on the premise that just one disregard for a proven safety rule or regulation can quickly lead to a life threatening or fatal accident. Carelessness can also change victims' lives and the well-being of family or friends. That such a tragedy could have been avoided by simply following basic rules always brings unforgettable blame, but after it is too late. Subsequently, let me leave with you with a message of understanding and respect for the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary overview. They deserve recognition and credit for all the many incidents that did not happen through their efforts.

Study Report Assists Board in Hiring Process

Marion Board of Selectmen

By Jean Perry

The Marion Board of Selectmen took its first steps towards filling two top town positions on November 28,

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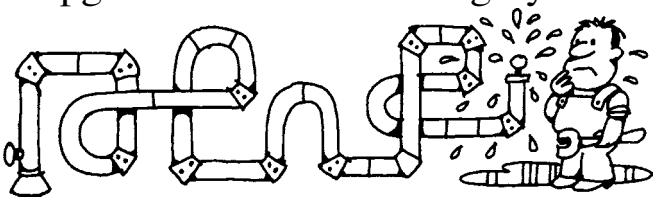

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but still have some decisions to make when it comes to qualifications for a Department of Public Works director, and job description for a new town administrator that may or may not require a bylaw change.

An October report issued by the UMASS Dartmouth Edward J. Collins, Jr. Center for Public Management on the organizational structure of the DPW indicated several areas where the Town could improve on efficiency and cohesiveness in several key areas of the DPW.

This study, funded by a grant, was initiated after the DPW superintendent of 33 years officially retired in December 2017. Former selectman Jonathan Henry was hired as the interim DPW superintendent, a temporary position of six months that now stretches closer to a full year.

The selectmen had five broad findings to consider before advertising to fill the superintendent position, which the Collins Center recommended restructuring as a DPW director while recommending that the Facilities Department be combined with grounds keeping and reintegrated back into the DPW, and the elected position of tree warden be eliminated and absorbed into the DPW.

"[T]he responsibilities, functions, services, and budgets related to public works are highly decentralized," the report reads, "[and] take steps to develop and improve communications among boards, committees, and departments connected to public works."

The report further states, "The Town has no charter, few recent special acts affecting its organizational structure, and bylaws that are well-organized but light on structure-related detail. To address this, the project team proposes creating a study committee and codifying the public works-related boards and committees to clarify their responsiblities [*sic*] and missions (and then dissolving any redundant boards and committees)."

"The whole staff at the DPW has sort of been wondering how this is going to play out," said Town Administrator Paul Dawson. The Collins Center report took several months longer than anticipated to be released, and employees have worked under an interim superintendent "with no certainty."

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And while the selectmen aim to post the position as soon as possible, Dawson will be working with the Collins Center to draft a concise job description.

"I don't know how long Mr. Henry is going to sit there smiling at us," said Selectmen Chairman Norm Hills, as Henry sat there and was indeed smiling albeit slightly.

For Henry, the target is one year maximum; however, it is unlikely that a new director would be hired before March. He did agree to stay on to assist with the transition.

As for those other recommendations in the report, Hills said he disagreed with the reintegration of the Facilities Department into the DPW, and the other selectmen concurred.

"I think we worked hard to make a stepping stone," said Selectman Randy Parker. "[It] saves the Town a ton of money."

"That was sort of the driving force behind having facilities become its own separate entity," said Dawson. "The DPW was always operating shorthanded."

Facilities, while under the DPW, used to be called the Carpentry Division. Dawson said those employees were often being pulled away for other DPW duties like trash collection among others. "I think we worked too hard to separate that," Dawson stated. "To reverse direction, we would have to go backwards and start that all over again."

And given all the "moving parts" of the DPW, added Henry, "That's one that I wouldn't mess with at this stage."

The selectmen did look favorably in passing the tree warden's responsibilities onto the DPW as Henry has been acting as appointed tree warden for some months now. Still, within the job posting it may need mentioning "subject to bylaw change."

The new DPW director will require engineering experience, a Class A license, and preferably 10 years – suggested by Hills, but could ultimately be a 5 to 7-year minimum. The report cites a need for familiarity with critical DPW management software systems like work orders systems, computerized maintenance management

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"Another important skill … will be a comfort with data and budgets," the report recommends. "These will be critical in making the case for sufficient resources to get the work done, both locally and in getting state funding and other grants … [and] the need to be experience [*sic*] with long-term planning and strategic thinking, given the number of major challenges facing the Department and the Town in coming years.

"Connected to that will be a need for very strong communications skills … critical to the future success of the Department," the report also suggests. "This

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includes ensuring that all of the various departments, boards, and committees are on the same page, as well as communicating the challenges the Department and the Town are facing to internal and external stakeholders."

In addition to the aforementioned recommendations, the report also suggests the DPW's Highway Division lacks a clearly-defined mission and responsibilities "leading to mission creep and to a major disconnect between the appearance of the staffing and resources and actual capacity," the report states. It recommends clarifying its mission and employees' duties, analyzing the finances and operations of waste collection and disposal and recycling to devise a program to recapture and redirect labor hours to reduce a backlog of DPW work, and review services Highway provides the Carver Marion Wareham Regional Refuse Disposal District to ensure the Town is properly reimbursed.

The report lists other findings outside the scope of organizational structure, including the need for more modern technology over on Benson Brook Road where the facility is located - for example, an electronic time-tracking system. Also, the DPW needs a pavement management plan, its own capital improvement plan to include vehicle and facility replacement, and an annual work plan for each functional area.

"[Another] finding is that purchasing and procurement procedures have been relatively informal historically in the DPW," the report states. "To address

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this the Town [should] formalize purchasing and procurement procedures within the DPW, consider joining a regional purchasing group, such as the Southeastern Regional Services Group, and periodically consider advertising engineering consulting contracts to ensure competitive pricing and reduce complacency."

Also, snow and ice removal practices should be evaluated with an emphasis on increased education and training around snow and ice operations, the study found.

One other recommendation selectmen liked was for a DPW office manager position.

"An office manager makes an awful lot of sense," said Dawson. "I see it as sort of a non-union position, almost like a managerial position."

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The study group also reviewed Town bylaws, visited the facilities, and researched best practices, finding some of the Town's bylaws are "well-organized but light on structure-related information," most notably the absence of any mention of a town administrator except for once for a "trivial role in consultation with the Town Clerk on the codification of the bylaws themselves."

According to the report, the town administrator's authority is derived from Chapter 41, Section 23a of the Massachusetts General Laws, which provides the authority for the Board of Selectmen to delegate responsibilities to an executive secretary or town administrator.

The bylaws also do not mention a tree warden, cemetery commission, parks and trees committee, or water commission.

"The same minimal statutory framework that may have been well-suited to the operations in the past is now partially responsible for a lack of clarity among various boards, committees, and officials who is responsible for what and who reports to whom," states the report. "This leads to confusion, miscommunication, and frustration about where responsibility lies and why particular work does not get done in a timely manner or at all."

As the board, with the help of a professional recruiter, prepares to advertise for Dawson's position as he retires in March, the board must consider if a bylaw change is appropriate to specify the scope of the authority and expectations of a new town administrator. That, however, would require a Town Meeting vote in May, two months after Dawson leaves. In the meantime, the board may choose language from Mattapoisett's town administrator bylaw in its job description advertisement.

"I'm not in favor of changing any bylaws at this point," said Parker.

"I don't think the timing works for the bylaw," said Selectman Jon Waterman.

"I think what you're talking about can pretty much be done in a job description," said Dawson.

The board will advertise for a seven-member hiring subcommittee for Dawson's position, comprised of one selectman, one department head, a town employee, one town committee/board member, and three residents.

A regular meeting of the selectmen was scheduled for Tuesday, December 4, at 11:30 am before press time.

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Board Keeping with Statute in Dog Case

Marion Board of Selectmen

By Jean Perry

The owner of a dog that the Marion Board of Selectmen determined as dangerous during a recent dog hearing was denied her request to modify one of the orders selectmen issued pertaining to a securely enclosed outdoor locked pen or dog run.

Town Administrator Paul Dawson told selectmen on December 4 that Jennifer MacDonald, owner of a large dog involved in a prior dog attack that resulted in the death of another dog, sent an email asking if she could fence-in the backyard of her property instead of an enclosed pen with roof.

According to Dawson, MacDonald expressed that she has no intention of ever leaving "Stella," a mastiff rescue dog, unsupervised outside in the fenced-in backyard.

Selectman Randy Parker, referring to the State's dangerous dog laws, said it was unfortunate that the statute does not give guidance on an appropriate fence height for a dog enclosure, given that it mandates it should be enclosed by a roof.

"What bothers me a little bit is a 'mesh fence,'" said Parker, which MacDonald references in her email. "I mean, this is a big dog." He referenced the Town's Zoning Bylaw that restricts fences to a maximum height of six feet, from which he said a dog of Stella's size could probably escape. "When you take the roof away you don't have any height restriction."

To exceed the 6-foot maximum, MacDonald would have to appeal to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Board of Selectmen Chairman Norm Hills pointed out that the order was issued to MacDonald "over a month ago" (October 16), saying, "I'm not sure if we want to negotiate."

The board agreed that the language in the order, which selectmen took directly from the State's statute, specified that the enclosure must have a roof for a reason. Also, any changes to an ensuing order would have to be done in another dog hearing at a subsequent date, which the board decided to forego.

"I guess I'm not inclined to change it," said Hills.

"Nor am I," Parker added.

"It's also an issue of precedent," said Selectman Jon Waterman.

Also during the meeting, satisfied with its job description and desired qualifications for the Department of Public Works director position, the board voted to post the position and open it to applicants until a cutoff date of

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The board discussed this position as well as the one Dawson will leave vacant when he retires as town administrator in March of 2019.

Dawson cautioned the board to do its due diligence when devising a pay scale for the new DPW director due to the specific education and qualifications the board desires in a candidate.

The same goes for the town administrator position, Dawson said.

If you want to attract a qualified candidate and expect to keep them for any length of time, I think you're going to have to be prepared (for a higher pay scale)," said Dawson.

The town administrator position, as well as selecting a professional recruiter to assist in finding a candidate, will be added to the agenda for the December 11 Board of Selectmen's meeting.

The classification hearing with the Board of Assessors was continued a second time until another special meeting scheduled for December 11.

According to Dawson, the reason for the continued delay lies with the Department of Revenue in its process of approving the new property values.

"Finally, as of yesterday afternoon, the Department of Revenue has approved the values," Dawson said. "We're good to go, but not today," he added, saying that once the DOR approves the values, a five-day notification period must follow.

The hearing will take place on December 11 at 4:45 pm at the Marion Town House.

The next regular meeting of the Marion Board of Selectmen has been scheduled for December 18 at 7:00 pm at the Marion Town House.

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Property Tax Rises Twenty Cents

Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen

By Marilou Newell

On December 4, the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen met with Principal Assessor Kathleen Costello for the 2019 tax reclassification hearing.

The "big news", Costello said, was "the robust new growth – a figure thanks in part to solar PILOT programs."

Costello pegged the real and personal property assessed value in Mattapoisett at $1,722,696,813, an increase of 2.3% over fiscal year 2018.

The average single-family home for FY2019 was assessed at $484,356, and the total revenue raised by both tax and non-tax sources for FY2019 is $34,653,529, an increase of 4.8 percent from FY2018.

In defense of maintaining a single-rate tax base for both residential and commercial real estate, Costello said the homeowner would not benefit from a split tax rate, and asked the selectmen to vote for a modest increase of 20 cents or an increase of 1.5%, bringing the rate per $1,000 in assessed value to $13.02.

Costello reported that, with only 6.7% of all properties falling into a commercial or industrial category, "Even the maximum allowable tax shift to these classes produces a relatively negligible decrease in the tax burden for the residential property class."

At the same time, the tax burden on those businesses would go up $19.83 per $1,000 in assessed value, she calculated.

Regarding the solar PILOT programs, Selectman Paul Silva asked how much revenue those programs had generated thus far. Costello estimated that, to date, the Town had received $160,000.

"It's good business in this town and doesn't impact schools or other services," said Costello.

The selectmen unanimously moved to set the new rate at $13.02.

The selectmen then adjourned the hearing and moved into their regular meeting agenda that included a meeting with members of the Marine Advisory Board (MAB) and Harbormaster Jill Simmons.

Board of Selectmen Chairman Jordan Collyer asked the MAB to move forward with studies on various aspects of the Waterfront Enterprise and the duties of the harbormaster.

"Now is the time to look at the waterfront before we start to make pavements on boats and other equipment," said Silva. He said he wanted a hard look at

what the Town was paying employees working in various waterfront positions to ensure the Town could attract qualified people. He was also strident in his opinion that, "The money collected from boaters should go back to the boaters," in terms of services. He asked for a five-year capital plan.

MAB Chairman Carlos DeSousa noted that the sinkholes on the wharves needed to be addressed, with Silva replying that costs associated with piers should be viewed as a shared cost, not one exclusively carried by the Waterfront Enterprise.

Collyer said that money to fund various needs of the historic seaside site could come from three sources: the Waterfront Enterprise, general fund or free cash borrowing, and from the Community Preservation Act.

"There are three parts to this study," Silva told MAB members. "Number one is operations, number two is capital needs to support operations, and number three the repairs to Long Wharf."

On the issue of staffing, the selectmen asked that the MAB look to whether or not the Town needed a full-time harbormaster and, if so, what the duties of that position would be. They also asked that summer hour staffing be increased, at least from July 4 through Labor Day with hours possibly as early as 6:00 am and extending until 9:00 pm seven days a week.

There was also some discussion regarding the BIG grant, which stands for Boating Infrastructure Grant program, an estimated $240,000 that the Town hopes to secure.

The fund receives money from the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund that collects cash from excise taxes paid on fishing equipment, motorboats, small engine fuel, and import duties. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is also involved in the two-tier grant process.

Back in May, Town Administrator Mike Gagne told *The Wanderer* that the official word received in his office was that Mattapoisett would receive $160,000 in BIG grant money. At that time, he said, "The money is to be used for building more transient space that would allow visiting boaters to come into Mattapoisett, tie up,

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Now, the board has asked the MAB to return to the selectman by March 1 with the latest information it requested.

In other business, the board announced the 13th annual Holiday in the Park event will take place on Saturday, December 8. Along with free food, games, and entertainment, Santa will arrive via fire engine, and the tree lighting will take place at dusk. The entire community will get into the holiday spirit that day when activities begin at 9:00 am with the Mattapoisett Congregational Church Holiday Fair, followed by the Historical Society's Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair at 1:00 pm. The Mattapoisett Library will also get in on the fun with music, stories, snacks, and ornament making. Boy Scout Troop 53 will be selling holiday wreaths in front of Town Hall between 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm while serving hot chocolate.

A request for donations of gently-used clothing, blankets, sleeping bags, and new winter socks is new this year. The Mattapoisett Lion's Club will also be collecting new unwrapped toys and canned goods.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen is scheduled for January 8 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall conference room.

'Soft' Recycling Start Delayed

Rochester Board of Selectmen

By Jean Perry

The next free textile and soft recyclables program in Rochester has been postponed until January 18 due to some unspecified extenuating circumstances, Rochester Town Administrator Suzanne Szyndlar told the Board of Selectmen on December 3.

The company, Simple Recycling, owned by WasteZero, will be mailing residents information about the service and the pink plastic bags they will be supplying residents to fill with textiles, clothing, shoes, purses, and other soft materials.

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Participation is voluntary, and the service that is provided to the town at no cost is expected to decrease solid waste disposal fees to some degree, given that residents can now recycle these materials in a convenient manner rather than throw them away.

Also during the meeting, the board voted on the Town's right of first refusal for a Chapter 61A 5.86-acre agricultural property on Snipatuit Road.

"The Conservation Commission and the Planning Board both recommend that we pass on our right of first refusal and let the sale go through," said Board of Selectmen Chairman Greenwood "Woody" Hartley.

In other matters, SEMASS's monthly payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) amount reached $373,850 this month, making it what Szyndlar call "a good month."

"That's probably the highest I've seen it," Szyndlar commented.

"Keep it up, SEMASS," said Hartley.

The Town has received $5,000 in funding to purchase a new work safety trailer, provided by the Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association (MIIA). Szyndlar said Facilities Manager Andrew Daniel procured the grant money and congratulated him on a job well done.

"He's very excited about that," said Szyndlar.

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Tree Clearing Derails Solar Farm in Marion

Marion Planning Board

By Sarah French Storer

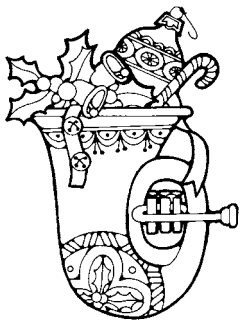
The Marion Planning Board arrived prepared to articulate its definition of "large-scale tree clearing" as it relates to the Town's solar bylaw. The developer of the proposed solar farm in turn attended the public hearing on December 3 accompanied by his attorney.

Attorney George Kiritsy, on behalf of applicant ZPT Energy, pointed out that he had attempted to meet

with Town officials to no avail, and then laid out his client's case for the controversial solar array field. He made the argument that Massachusetts has declared solar energy development a priority use and; therefore, could not be prohibited or unreasonably restricted. Kiritsy cited the Massachusetts General Law that states "No zoning ordinance or bylaw shall prohibit or unreasonably regulate the installation of solar energy systems or the building of structures that facilitate the collection of solar energy, except where necessary to protect the public health, safety, or welfare." Kiritsy maintained that there was nothing about the Town bylaws section regarding large-scale tree clearing that related to public health, safety, or welfare. He stated that the tree clearing on the parcel was reasonable for the project contemplated for the site, and argued that the proposed clearing was the minimum required to create a successful project. Consequently, he contended the board could not deny the project on the basis that the proponent was proposing large-scale clearing.

Board member Norm Hills reminded Kiritsy that the proposal was to clear 18 acres of the 22-acre parcel, not the 65 acres the attorney mentioned. In addition, Hills reminded him that the bylaw had been approved by the Attorney General, and the Town had designated a solar district.

Chairman Will Saltonstall defined the parameters of the board's work this evening, saying, "Town counsel's advice was [that] the Planning Board had the authority to



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determine what [was large-scale] tree clearing." He went on to say that the board's job is to react to the proposal before them, not the broader question of what is the definition of large-scale for the bylaw as a whole.

Vice Chairman Stephen Kokkins weighed in, saying that the concept of large-scale is contextual, and a significant motive for the voters approving this bylaw was the paragraph restricting clearing in a residential zone.

Kiritsy responded by saying it is unreasonable to disallow clearing for solar, adding that trees are compatible to residential housing.

Board member Andrew Daniel had spoken with other towns, and noted that 20 acres was large scale, irrespective of the town. Daniel spoke strongly in support of respecting the voter's decision to approve this bylaw and reminded the applicant that he had warned them early in the process that there was a good chance it would not be approved. Member Kristen Saint Don-Campbell agreed with Daniel, saying she could not "rectify 18 acres of clearing in town, and at that location."

"I have a lot of thoughts," began member Eileen Marum, who was the sole member who spoke in favor of the project this evening. Marum acknowledged that the state has made solar energy development a priority. She asserted that a solar farm must be on a site with no trees, illustrating her argument by saying, "It's like saying you can have a pool, but can't dig in the ground!"

Don-Campbell countered this argument, observing that there are places in town that have no trees already, such as farmland. She also noted that the idea of protecting the welfare of the community, as stated in the law cited by Marum, can be interpreted many different ways. Marum concluded by saying "I don't see how we can possibly stop this solar farm from coming in."

After the board hesitated assigning a number or formula for the definition of large scale, Kiritsy retorted "You leave a landowner guessing." Saltonstall replied, "We are not even close here." Kiritsy reiterated that the site could be cleared for houses, to which Saltonstall replied "[That's] irrelevant – the reason [large-scale clearing] was placed in the bylaw was to protect the character of the residential area." Kokkins, who was one of the original drafters of the bylaw, said the bylaw laid out a philosophy, and was not intended to prohibit solar development outright. Kokkins went on to say "[We] thought [solar farms] would be more useful and acceptable if they were on land already cleared … mined land, a landfill."

Dave Davignon, the engineer for the proposal, raised a number of hypothetical questions for the board. He began by saying that the Town bylaws do not prohibit clear cutting in general, and posed a question to the board: If the proposal was withdrawn, and the landowner cleared the land – could he come back then and re-apply? Can the landowner plant corn next spring and then come in and apply? Davignon questioned the board

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"At what point does your bylaw have teeth?" Kokkins acknowledged the flaws in the bylaw, but asserted that the board must work with the laws as written, and "Do our best to interpret the intent of the bylaw."

The board closed the public hearing, and voted to deny the Special Permit and Site Plan Review, with Marum as the only dissenting vote, on the basis that it did not comply with the section of the bylaw regarding large-scale tree clearing. Marum defended her vote by saying "Massachusetts law over rules our bylaw."

In other business, the board considered the request by the ZBA to submit comments on the proposal of Mark Ross and Margot Mims to raze a structure and rebuild on a parcel at 195C Converse Road. Saltonstall observed that the intent of the applicants was reasonable, but that the job of the board was to inform the ZBA that the applicant had used a section of the bylaw that was no longer relevant. The board voted to send a letter to that effect.

The next meeting of the Marion Planning Board is scheduled for Monday, December 17, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the Marion Town House.

Board Settles on Property for Surety, Not Cash

Mattapoisett Planning Board

By Marilou Newell

It was soon apparent on December 3 that the

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members of the Mattapoisett Planning Board were not in agreement on what had previously been decided as an acceptable surety for the controversial Snow Field Estates subdivision when engineer David Davignon, flanked by Attorney John Mathieu, stepped forward.

The agenda for the evening's meeting listed the project as "Sign Form C and Decision for Definitive Subdivision Plan", but as Davignon began to discuss the documents needing the board's positive vote, board member Janice Robbins asked what the surety would be. That immediately prompted Mathieu to defend his client's right to use the two lots of the subdivision as surety for the driveway covenant, not a cash sum.

"I'm at a loss to understand why a surety and not just the two lots being held [is acceptable]," he said. "Holding the lots, that should be sufficient. If that is chosen, then there is no surety necessary."

But Robbins insisted that the Planning Board could impose a cash surety as well as holding the two lots.

"The Planning Board can impose a condition," said Robbins. She said that if lots were held as the sole guarantee that a developer would complete the work, then no developer would ante up cash.

Mathieu countered that developers use lots in lieu of cash so that the monies can be used to fund construction. Mathieu also stated that his client did not have legal representation during earlier Planning Board hearings and thus didn't understand what he was agreeing to when cash surety had been previously discussed.

There ensued discussion of the intent of the state statutes with regard to language that seemed to allow Planning Boards to hold lots and request cash sureties, with Robbins saying that the statute would not have options if it were otherwise.

From there, Robbins and Mathieu sparred over whether or not the Planning Board had jurisdiction over certain wetlands-related aspects of the project as Robbins asserted that the sensitivity of the project that traverses a large wetland area made it necessary for the Planning Board to ensure the project was completed – in this case, the driveway.

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"He may not build this right away," said Mathieu. "I don't believe you can reject a plan. … You're either holding all the lots or you're asking for surety. … He's offering the lots."

Robbins replied, "You're saying the Planning Board has no choice. … It's a matter of performance. … The surety is what's going to get it done."

Chairman Tom Tucker reminded all that the roadway in question was not a road at all but a driveway and, as such, the Planning Board did not have authority over its construction, with Mathieu adding, "You can't go in and finish the road. … You're holding the lots … [and] you have no jurisdiction over wetlands."

But Robbins was steadfast in that, absent a cash surety, the driveway may not be completed and might negatively alter the wetlands and never get done.

"He can mess things up royally," Robbins said.

Davignon said that various state agencies were involved in the wetlands aspects of the project and maintained that the Town's own counsel had confirmed that the developer could elect either to have the lots held pending driveway completion or provide a cash surety, but not both.

"We've been working on this project for well over a year," Davignon stated. "Abutters were doing everything to stop it. … Now, at the last minute, we are being thrown into a corner."

Planning Board member Nathan Ketchell said

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that the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) was involved, an oversight agency he believed would hold the developer accountable. Davignon concurred.

"The DEP has tens of thousands of dollars, they have a staff and the funds," said Davignon. "You have to follow the plan. … To do otherwise would be suicide." Davignon told Robbins, "When it comes to wetlands crossings you are overstepping your jurisdiction."

In the end, the covenant language was amended to reflect that the lots would be used as the sole surety for the building of the driveway in a favorable vote of 4-1.

In other business, the Planning Board received an email from Prime Engineering representing Scott Snow's application for a Form C Definitive Subdivision Plan for a project located off Prospect Road known as Eldridge Estates. The email requested a continuance until December 17. But Ketchell took exception to the email that he contented seemed more like a statement of fact versus a request.

Ketchell, along with the other board members, speculated as to why the applicant, who first came before the board months earlier with a conceptual idea for the property, had failed so far to produce a real plan. The conversation centered on the number of lots being considered, but in the absence of a representative to clarify matters or supporting documents, the board was left at a loss to know how to move forward. Ketchell believed the applicant needed to start over with a new filing.

Tucker suggested and all agreed that the applicant's email for a continuance could be granted, but that Snow needed to appear at the December 17 meeting to update the board.

In other matters, the board members sliced up a draft for new section for Sub-division Rules and Regulations with a plan to revisit the editing process at a future meeting. Planning Board Administrator Mary Crain said that the draft document had been modeled after the one currently being used by the Town of Rochester, her former employer, and had been thoroughly vetted by that town's peer review consultant Ken Motta of Field Engineering. Robbins asked if Mattapoisett would use its

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own peer review personnel, which was confirmed along with the need for public hearings.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Planning Board is scheduled for December 17 at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall conference room.

Land Trust Returns to Drawing Board

Marion Conservation Commission

By Sarah French Storer

Rather than have the Marion Conservation Commission possibly issue a Positive determination on November 28, Sippican Lands Trust (SLT) Executive Director Jim Bride requested a continuance so that he may rework his Request for Determination of Applicability proposal.

At issue is a path from Delano Road to Brainard Marsh, which the SLT owns and maintains for public access to the beach.

Bride proposed to the commission that the SLT install .5-inch to .75-inch gravel to the existing 3-foot wide path for approximately 320 feet of its length. This would make the path more reliably useable for the many members of the public who walk this path, Bride said.

The contractor is donating his labor to the project.

Commission Chairman Jeff Doubrava expressed his concern that the SLT would be filling wetlands, and that the wetland line had not been delineated. Doubrava also suggested using woodchips instead of gravel.

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Bride countered that the stone would be permanent and make the path more user-friendly.

While Doubrava acknowledged that the property was well-used and the project well-intentioned, he said he would be more in favor of a temporary solution, that if left alone "would heal itself."

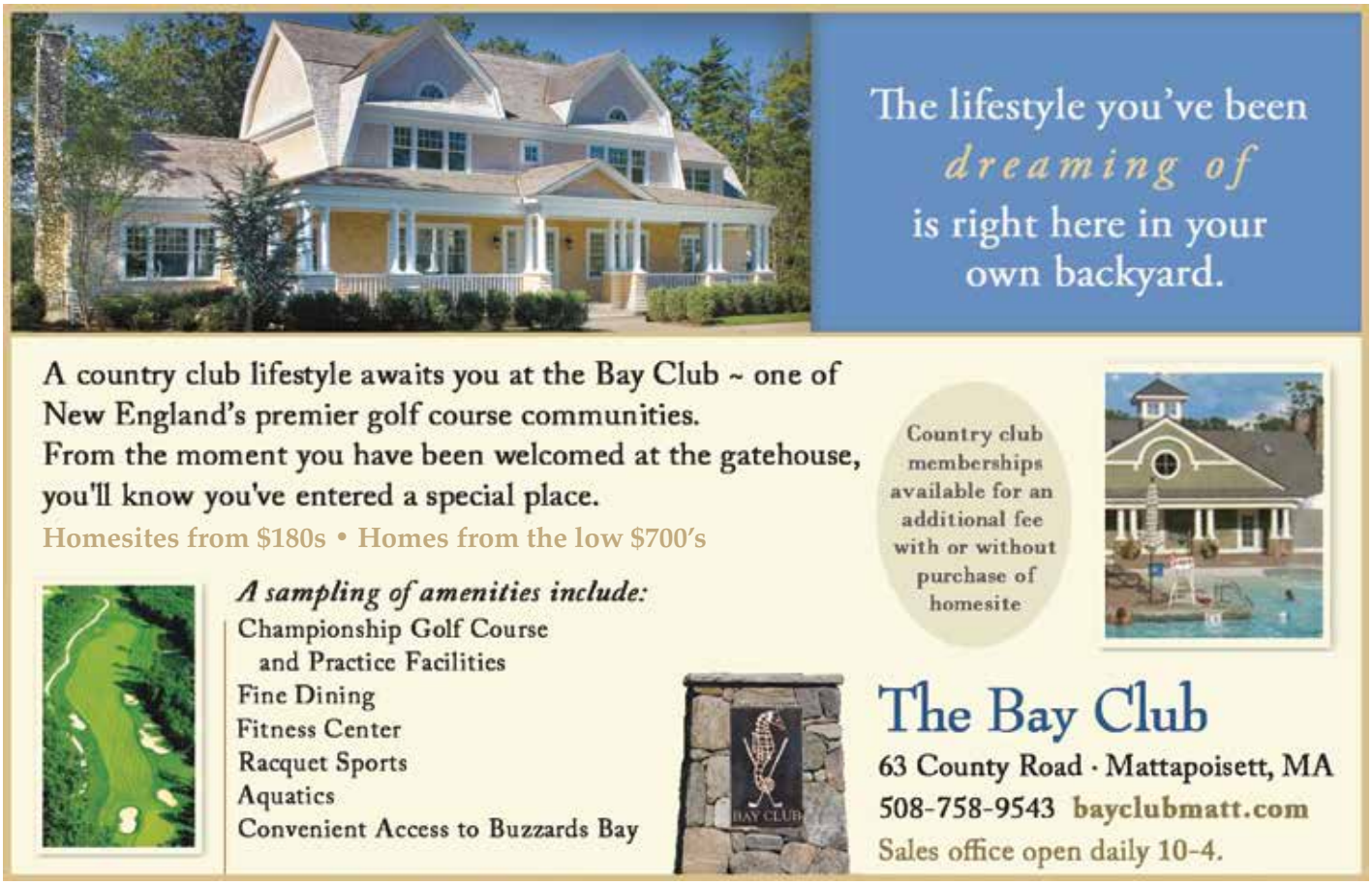
Commission member Shaun Walsh inquired whether the SLT had considered a raised path or boardwalk. Bride thought the tides and weather could wash the structures away, and said he felt the water would pass through gravel better. Walsh noted the lack of a site plan describing the project, which he said "gives me pause."

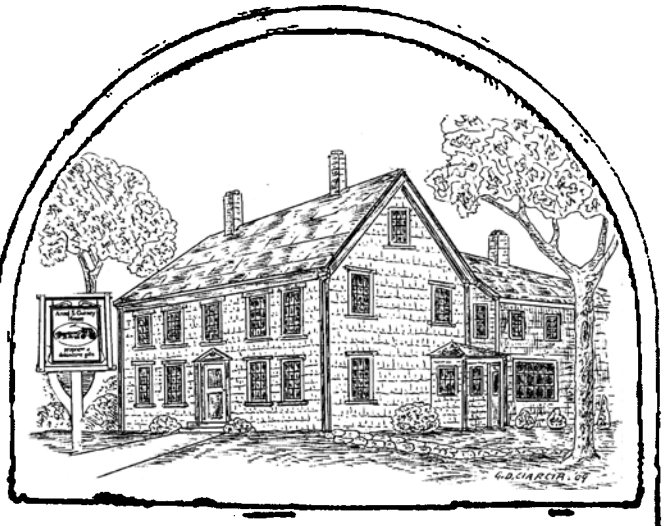
"If we don't have something in writing, then in the future we won't know if it's gone beyond," said Walsh. "It sets a precedent, and as fine as Sippican Lands Trust is, we can't treat the land trust different than a private landowner."

Member Joel Hartley observed that any project that fills a wetland requires a Notice of Intent, and questioned if this was a good project in any case.

Walsh suggested the land trust consider designing boardwalks for the wettest spots, which would be less impactful to the wetlands.

Member Cynthia Callow said she believed in the public access provided by the path, but hesitated allowing the SLT to permanently alter wetlands when there were possible alternatives.





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Doubrava summarized his feelings, saying, "Rules have to apply to everybody, or they apply to nobody."

Bride requested a continuance to explore alternative solutions.

David Davignon, of N. Douglas Schneider & Associates presented a Request for Determination of Applicability for a parcel on Oakdale Avenue. Davignon was seeking a determination that the parcel, owned by William Knight, did not contain any jurisdictional wetlands. Davignon asked that the commission refer to a report he provided by LEC Environmental which stated that the parcel was a jurisdictional resource area, "land subject to coastal storm flowage," but there was no other jurisdictional wetland.

There was a brief discussion regarding a pipe that may connect the isolated wetland on the parcel to a retention pond off the property, which Hartley thought could make it a jurisdictional wetland. It was unclear where the pipe, which the commission did not see but was mentioned in the report, drained.

Davignon assured the commission that the new structure contemplated on the parcel, which was not part of this application, would be pushed back out of the V-zone and that a Notice of Intent would be filed for any work on the parcel.

As the commission contemplated their determination for this proposal, Walsh stumbled over the semantics of the request. The report by the applicant's consultant stated there was a jurisdictional resource area, "land subject to coastal storm flowage," which covers the whole parcel. But Davignon was making the case that there were no jurisdictional wetlands, since land subject to storm flowage is not a wetland per se.

After some back and forth, the commission issued a Positive determination that the entire parcel was subject to the Wetlands Protection Act due to the wetland resource area, but that there were indeed no other jurisdictional wetlands on the property.

In other matters, at Doubrava's urging, the commission decided to lift the Enforcement Order with the Town at the Washburn Park skating park, which has "healed itself," Doubrava said.

The commission also decided to reach out to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection to ask someone to visit the site at Indian Cove Road to sort out the discrepancies in the Chapter 91 license. They are attempting to determine if a Chapter 91 license exists for the stone revetment and floats and ramps that exist at the site, both in Marion and Mattapoisett.

Doubrava also suggested the commission issue an Enforcement Order to Mark Ross at 195C Converse Road for the mowing in the wetland area that Ross admitted to doing, and his intention to continue to do. Walsh was hesitant to do so, with no direct knowledge that the area had been recently mowed. He suggested that instead the commission issue a letter putting Ross on notice and that the commission should monitor the property.

In other business, the commission issued a Negative determination to the work proposed by Bret and Deborah Bokelkamp to upgrade their existing septic system at 50 Old Knoll Road. However, the commission issued a Positive determination regarding the wetland line, saying the line must be reevaluated if there is future work contemplated on this parcel.

The commission issued a Negative determination for the proposal by Mark Rodriques at 1 Holly Pond Road to replace a failed septic system, provided the proponents install siltation barriers along the edge of the road.

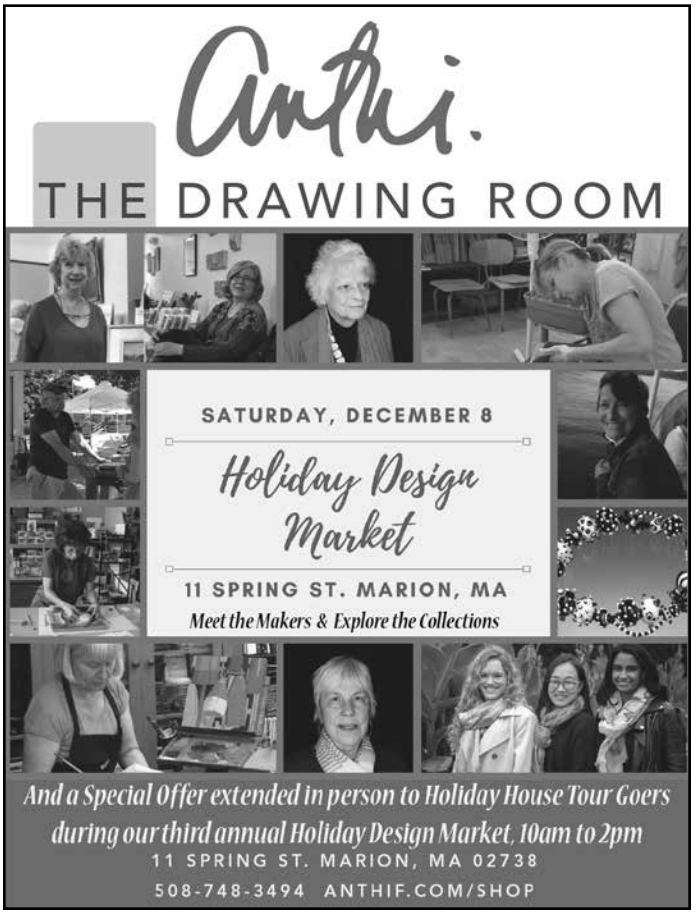
Michael Variejka, represented by Brian Grady at GAF Engineering, filed a Notice of Intent to remove trees and shrubs in preparation for future work on the parcel at 122 Register Road. Depending on the location of the mature trees to be removed, the commission may ask the stumps to be ground down instead of removed. The hearing was continued due to a lack of a DEP file number.

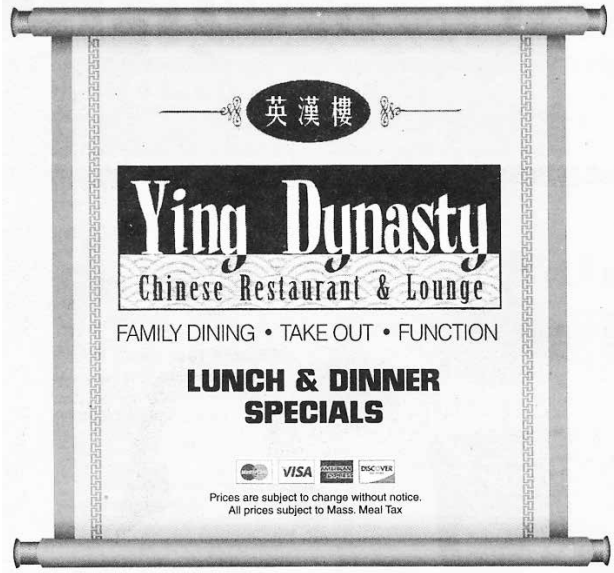
The next meeting of the Marion Conservation Commission is scheduled for December 12 at 7:00 pm at the Marion Town House.

Tabor Files Lawsuit Against ZBA

By Jean Perry

Tabor Academy filed a civil action with the Plymouth Superior Court against the Marion Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) on November 28, while also naming each of the eight ZBA members and associate





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members as defendants.

The zoning appeal pertains to the ZBA's October 18 decision to deny the Special Permit Tabor Academy requested for five 90-foot tall light towers at the Tabor athletics field on the village campus.

During discussions on September 20, the board discussed seeking advice from town counsel of the Dover Amendment which, under Massachusetts General Law, exempts educational institutions from certain zoning restrictions. The Dover Amendment allows for structures that are, for example, larger than what is permissible under the local zoning regulations, or would otherwise be considered "inappropriate" for a neighborhood if the facilities are to be used for "educational" purposes.

According to the Massachusetts Trial Court Electronic Case Access records and confirmed by Zoning Enforcement Officer Scott Shippey, the ZBA and its individual members currently have two other open appeals or complaints filed in the Plymouth County Superior Court – one filed by 324 Front Street, JV, LLC, owned by Christian Loranger, and one filed by resident Peter Douglas.

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School District Seeks $125,000+ in Capital Spending

Marion School Committee

By Jean Perry

Superintendent of Schools Doug White told the Marion School Committee on November 28 that he and District Facilities Director Gene Jones have requested funding for two projects from the Marion Capital Improvement Committee totaling roughly $125,000.

The first project is technology infrastructure at Sippican School, which comes at an initial cost of $102,644.

"What we're trying to do is to make sure that there's an [Internet] access point in each and every room, which would then allow every computer to have the speed and the ability to use the technology to the best of its ability," White said.

Although the district has requested $102,644 from the Town, $56,000 would be reimbursed through the E-Rate Program.

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The Federal Communications Commission in 2014 adopted the E-Rate Modernization Order that expands funding for Wi-Fi networks in schools and libraries, ensuring affordable access to high-speed Internet.

White emphasized that unless the project is completed this year, the money would become unavailable.

The second request in the amount of $25,000 would fund a fourth phase of the BCT flooring project at Sippican School.

"We will continue to ask for additional funds until the project is complete throughout the building," White said.

White also said he encouraged the Capital Improvement Committee to consider supporting the Police Department's request to fund the installation of Mutualink at the Marion Police Station. According to White, Sippican School does have Mutualink installed, but, in the case of an emergency, would have to use the Mattapoisett Police Station as a resource point, White said.

"[The committee is] very receptive to what we've presented and want to support [us]," said White. "It all depends on the funds and the requests of other departments and where this falls in their priority list."

The next meeting of the Marion School Committee is scheduled for January 9 at 6:30 pm at Sippican School.

ORR Football Just Misses Super Bowl Win

High School Sports Update

By Nick Friar

After making a run through the regular season without a loss, followed by a South Sectional Finals-winning playoff run, Old Rochester Regional Bulldogs came up just shy against North Sectional champion Stoneham in the Division 6 Super Bowl at Gillette Stadium, losing 26-20.

The Bulldogs were able to put on a defensive performance consistent with those throughout the season. The biggest problem on the defensive side for ORR was Spartans running back Christos Argyorpoulos who ran for 113 yards and a touchdown on 19 carries.

However, the Bulldogs' defense proved its worth, holding the highest scoring team in all of Massachusetts well below its average 42 points per game mark.

"Our defense played great," ORR coach Justin Kogler said. "You look at their scores all year, they're the highest scoring team in the state, and if we don't give them the ball at the end there, we could have held them to under 20 points. I'm very proud of our defense."

Although the offense only posted 20 points in the loss, that wasn't exactly the problem either, though it wasn't exactly where the Bulldogs wanted it to be. Fullback **Desmond Dias** rushed for 72 yards and a score on 14 carries. Quarterback **Cole McIntyre** threw for 166 yards and two touchdowns on 6 of 11 passing. Wide receiver **Tyler Noe** reeled in four of McIntyre's, accumulating 94 yards and a touchdown. Tight end **Adam Breault** caught a 45-yard touchdown pass from his quarterback, and **Bryce Afonso's** 25-yard reception helped set up Dias's touchdown.

"Our resiliency and our toughness [is what made this team special]," McIntyre said. "We lost some players who got hurt and bounced back, grinding and fighting. Even in the Super Bowl we were down, we were up, we were down, and we were up. We just kept fighting. We didn't get the win, but we're still a tough team."

The offense built a 20-12 lead with 2:28 left in the third quarter, but a costly turnover quickly turned into a Stoneham score, making it 20-18, the Bulldogs

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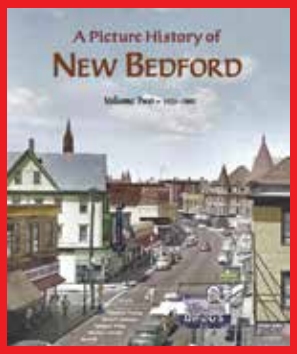

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still holding a lead. But the inability to execute late and turnovers cost the Bulldogs, leading to a fourth quarter touchdown from Stoneham.

Still, it wasn't just the late turnovers that cost the Bulldogs. Stoneham recovered an onside kick attempt and a squib kick that ORR bobbled. Combine that with three fumbles and it was almost stunning to see the Bulldogs still holding a lead as late as they did.

"What cost us the game was all the turnovers we had on the kickoffs and all the fumbles," Noe said. "Coach told us before the game that turnovers are going to be a big difference and he was right."

"That was the difference in the game," Kogler said about ORR's turnovers. "We knew we couldn't turn the ball over, and they recovered two onside kicks.

"It was difficult," continued Kogler. "One of our strengths of our team this year has been our offense. We didn't get a chance to get our offense rolling because we were on defense the whole time."

The Bulldogs finish the year 11-1 and graduate 22 seniors: **Tyler Noe**, **Desmond Dias**, **Cole McIntyre**, **Bryce Afonso**, **Adam Breault**, **Will Garcia**, **Drew Johnson**, **Isaiah Ostiguy**, **Jonny Hamilton**, **Nikolas Ketchie**, **Robbie Pedro**, **Anthony Childs**, **Liam Lynch**, **Noah McIntyre, Nicholas Thayer, Nathan Tripanier, Braden MacGregor, Max Urion-Nelson, Krispher Merlo**, **Nickolas Borsari**, **Nathanial King**, and **William Kirby**.

"I'm going to miss them," Kogler said. "Every year we've been going a little further and a little further and we got to Gillette. Ultimately, we fell a little short, but I'm proud of these guys and I'm going to miss them."

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The Inn at Shipyard Park is not "Mattapoisett's Cheers". The bar/pub of Cheers fame is in a residential neighborhood and therefore closes at 11:00 pm. They don't have amplified music playing until 1:00 am in the morning on weekends.

Turks closes at 10:00 pm and Ying Dynasty is closed by 11:00 pm. The Y camp in the summer has stopped the music at 11:00 pm. Why? Because neighbors complained.

Our town needs a noise ordinance because the police cannot patrol and stop the noise after 11 pm if we don't have one. If a party in a neighborhood is too rowdy and the music too loud, the police can stop it.

The Inn would be a good neighbor if they stopped the music at 11:00 pm. The Inn has the license to stay open until 1:00 am and the patrons can continue to drink and talk.

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Randy and Daune Smith, Mattapoisett

Animal Advice

Jay Gould, DVM

My dog has had some back issues and my veterinarian suggested acupuncture. Does it really work?

Acupuncture can help with a multitude of different medical issues from arthritis to seizures. It works by placing small needle into specific points on your pets body. They redirect the body's energy and may cause the release of endorphins, which help the relief of pain. Acupuncture is not a procedure that works immediately. It may take time to see improvement, but the benefits can be substantial and long lasting.

You can contact Dr. Gould at 508-758-6400 or visit our website at MattapoisettAH.com

Sippican Historical Society

In 1998, the Sippican Historical Society commissioned an architectural survey of Marion's historic homes and buildings. The survey was funded one-half by the Sippican Historical Society and one-half by the Massachusetts Historical Commission. Due to the limits of funding, not all of the historic buildings were surveyed, but over 100 were catalogued and photographed. The results of the survey are in digital form on the Massachusetts Historical Commission's website and in four binders in the Sippican Historical Society's office (and at the Marion Town Clerk's office).

Marion (Old Rochester) is one of the oldest towns in the United States, and the Sippican Historical Society maintains an extensive collection of documentation on its historic buildings. The Sippican Historical Society will preview one building a week so

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that the residents of Marion can understand more about its unique historical architecture.

This installment features 381 Front Street, Old Depot. In 1854, an Italianate passenger depot was built on the west side of Front Street on part of the present parking lot for the Brew Fish restaurant. At its new location on 381 Front Street (across the street), the Old Depot became a station on the New Bedford and Onset electric trolley line. At the time, there were only two other buildings in the area: the early 1800s home at 368 Front Street and a one-room schoolhouse, which was later demolished. The schoolhouse stood north of what is now 355 Front Street.

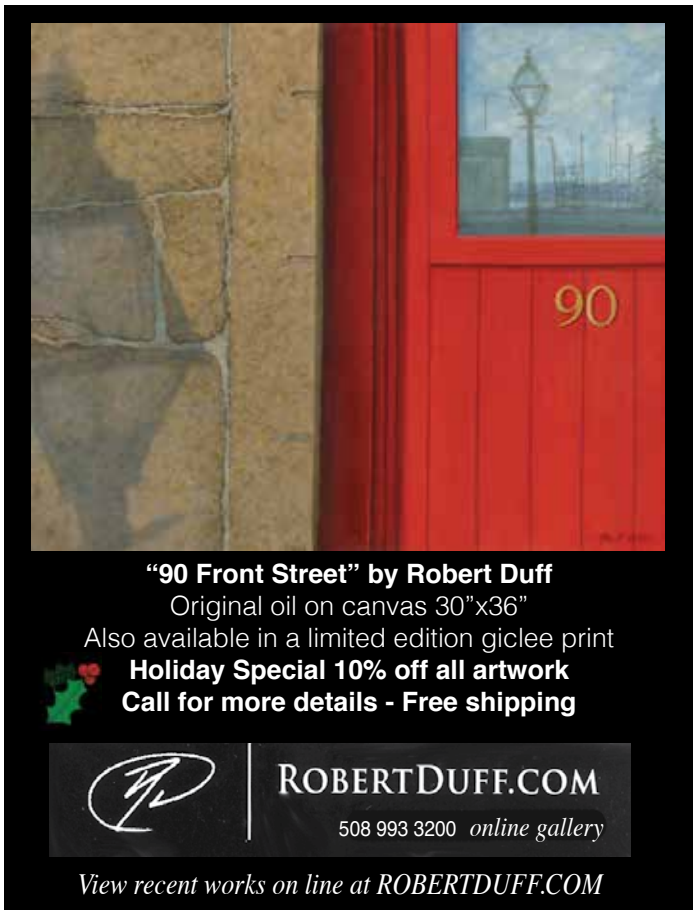
Mattapoisett Troop 53 Boy Scouts Wreath Sale

Mattapoisett Troop 53 Boy Scouts will hold a Wreath Sale on Saturday, **December 8** from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm at Mattapoisett Town Hall.

Celebrate Elizabeth Taber Committee

Elizabeth Pitcher Taber funded and donated 6 buildings to the Marion community – 5 of which remain – Town Hall (original Tabor Academy), 2 Spring St.; Elizabeth Taber Library & Natural History Museum, 8 Spring Street; Taber Hall, 13 Cottage St.; Congregational Chapel/Penny Pinchers, 39 Main St.; and Music Hall, 164 Front St. Mrs. Taber's buildings have contributed architectural character and enhanced Marion's civic, cultural, and community life.

During the weekend of the Holiday House Tour and Stroll, signage depicting a silhouette logo of Mrs. Taber will be placed in front of the 5 buildings. The Celebrate Elizabeth Taber Committee is launching its town-wide fundraising campaign to erect a life-sized bronze statue honoring Marion-born Elizabeth Taber. The statue will be placed in the Bi-Centennial Park across from the Town Hall. The education of our community of Elizabeth Taber's life and contribution to Marion will be tied into the 100th anniversary in 2020 of the 19th Amendment (women's right to vote) and the New Bedford Lighting the Way project honoring women who have made a significant contribution to the SouthCoast.



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Elks Student of the Month

The Elks of Wareham Lodge No. 1548 sponsors the Elks Student of the Month and Student of the Year Awards for students enrolled in local area high schools. The criteria used in nominating a student includes a student who excels in scholarship, citizenship, performing arts, fine arts, hobbies, athletics, church, school and community service, industry, and farming.

We congratulate Sophomore Emma Carroll of Rochester for being selected as Student of the Month for October by the Old Rochester Regional High School faculty and staff. Emma is a friendly and outgoing student. She comes into class every day willing to work, with a smile on her face. She is incredibly inclusive, reaching out to all students to make sure no one feels left out. Any group is stronger with Emma as a member. She is a fantastic student and a pleasure to have in class.

We congratulate Senior Jada Fields of Marion for being selected as Student of the Month for November by the Old Rochester Regional High School faculty and staff. Jada is a solid student who has been a 4 year member of field hockey and 3 years on the track team, while also participating in Winter Cheerleading and Dance. Jada writes for Paw Prints and is also a member of the Community Service Network. Besides being a positive role model for all, she also helps out in the Elite Classroom helping students with special needs. Jada also has perfect attendance for the last six years.

Open Table

The next Open Table will be on Friday, **December 14**. Take a break from all the hustle and bustle of the holiday season and join us at Reynard Hall at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church. Doors open at

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4:30 pm and the meal will be served at 5 pm. There is no charge, although donations are gratefully accepted. We hope you can join us and everyone is welcome.

It's Here - The Holiday Fair

The Mattapoisett Congregational Church's annual Holiday Fair will be held on Saturday, **December 8** from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. A host of holiday 'shops' will be featured in Reynard Hall, 27 Church Street, Mattapoisett.

You will find all your favorites: hand-knitted apparel; jewelry; new & heirloom treasures in silver, crystal and china; as well as unique gifts and holiday decorations. The busy holiday season can be much less stressful with the purchase of delicious baked goodies & sweets and homemade frozen entrees. In addition, there will be raffles for beautiful, themed gift baskets, incredible silent auction items, and more!

Make your list and check it twice! Park the car once, get all your holiday shopping done in one day and enjoy this most beautiful season amidst a quaint, seaside village. Santa is expected later in the day, as well!

We hope to see you there. For additional information, please call the church office at 508-758-2671 or email: mattcongchurch@gmail.com.

Tabor Academy's Lessons & Carols

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Marilyn P. (Pearce) Searle passed away, due to Alzheimer's complications, on October 31, 2018 in Scottsdale, AZ. She was born on June 14, 1931 in Boston, grew up in Hyde Park and lived in Waltham, prior to being a longtime resident of her beloved Mattapoisett. Marilyn is survived by her daughter, Ellen Haddad (Michael) of Fredericksburg, VA, her son, Stephen Searle (Nanette) of Carefree, AZ, four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. A private memorial service was held on November 10th, at Desert Hills Presbyterian Church in Carefree, AZ.

Michael J. Knight, 33, of Mattapoisett died December 1, 2018 unexpectedly at Beth Israel Hospital.

Born in Wareham, son of Peter F. and Diane R. (McGadden) Knight, he lived in Mattapoisett most of his life.

He was employed by several local concrete companies for many years and was a member of Laborer's International Union Local 610.

Mike was a humorous person who will be missed by many.

Survivors include his parents; his children, Nora Knight and Jacob Knight and their mother, Brittany MacLean, all of Somerset; a brother, Robert Knight and his wife Kristen of Groton, MA; a sister, Cheryl Phillips and her husband Michael of Wareham; 2 nieces, Natalie Knight and Isla Phillips; a nephew, Liam Phillips; several aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

His Funeral Service will be held on Thursday at 10 am in Mattapoisett Congregational Church. Visiting hours Wednesday from 4-8 pm in the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Route 6, Mattapoisett. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to Michael's children's fund at https://www.gofundme.com/michael-knight For directions and guestbook, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

John R. "Jack" McGill 76, of Venice Florida, passed away Monday, November 26, 2018.

Jack was born September 23, 1942, in Dover, Massachusetts to the late William Roger McGill of Dover and Jean Whetton McGill of Needham MA. Jack graduated from Needham High School, Needham MA in 1961. He received a B.S in Finance with honors from American International College in Springfield, MA. Jack spent over 20 years of his business career in Executive Sales and Marketing in the Dietary Management Health Care industry.

He was passionately active in community affairs throughout his life. Jack's community spirit started as a young man of 16 where he was a volunteer Dispatcher for Dover's Police Department. Over the span of 25 years his avocation was serving as a Volunteer Firefighter. A member of the Masonic Lodge of Dover he was also a member of the Mattapoisett MA Lions Club, served on the Mattapoisett Board of Appeals for over 20 years and volunteered at the Mattapoisett Senior center, where he and his beloved wife Chris lived for over 25 years, before retiring to Venice Fl. While living in Venice, he volunteered for Habitat for Humanity, Venice Area Beautification Inc, Venice Wildlife Refuge and was past Director for Meals on Wheels. Jack was also a member of the Venice Moose Lodge.

Jack leaves behind his loving wife Chris of 39 years, his true soul mate; his sister Susan McGill, daughter Sarah Campbell and son-in-law Ed Campbell, Grandchildren, Jenna, Madison and Samantha. Sister-in-law Gale Brady and husband Patrick. Jack was preceded in death by Daughter, Laura Rafuse.

A remembrance reception will be held at Farley Funeral Home on Thursday, Dec. 13th from 6 to 8 pm. A private Burial will take place on Dec. 14th at Venice Memorial Gardens. In Lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: Meals on Wheels, Venice Fl., Mooseheart Child City & School, Inc. Mooseheart, Il 60539. Farley Funeral Home in Venice, Florida is handling the arrangements. A message of condolence may be sent by visiting www.farleyfuneralhome.com.

Dolores E. (Woodford) Murphy, 86, of Marion died December 3, 2018 at Sacred Heart Home after a long illness.

She was the wife of the late Ronald F. Murphy.

Born in Quincy, daughter of the late Michael F. and Katherine (Campbell) Woodford and raised by her late aunt, Elizabeth Campbell, she lived in Marion most of her life.

She was a communicant of St. Rita's Church in Marion.

Mrs. Murphy was a member of the Kittansett Club, Sippican Women's Club and Beverly Yacht Club. She was an avid golfer and made Golfer's Digest as most improved golfer at Kittansett Club. She enjoyed making pottery.

Survivors include her sons, Michael Murphy and his wife Jacqueline of Wareham and James Murphy and his wife Susan of Wareham; a brother, Daniel Woodford of Weymouth; 10 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She was the sister of the late Michael Woodford, Dorothy McCrae, Beatrice Johnson, Shirley Brow, John Woodford, Virginia McNeal and Mary Frazier.

Her Funeral will be held on Friday at 9 am from the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Route 6, Mattapoisett, followed by her Funeral Mass at St. Rita's Church at 10 am. Burial will follow in Evergreen

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Academy choirs and student and faculty readers will present their annual Festival of Lessons and Carols in Wickenden Chapel, 81 Spring Street, Marion. The choral ensembles, including over 50 choristers in all, will lead the congregation in seasonal carols.

The Festival of Lessons and Carols is a time-honored tradition of nine lessons and musical pieces that celebrate Christmas. Traditionally performed on Christmas Eve, this service was made popular by the King's College in Cambridge, UK, with the long-standing tradition of beginning the program with the selection "Once in Royal David's City."

Tabor's new choral director, Dr. Tianxu Zhou said, "Like many holiday celebrations, our program of Lessons and Carols has many elements that pay homage to traditions of the past, such as the opening selection "Once in Royal David's City" and other beloved carols. This year, it is our pleasure to present some contemporary and culturally diverse selections such as "Ukuthula" (An African Prayer for Peace)."

The Wickenden Chapel doors will be open at 7:00 pm and admission is free to the public. "We hope you will bring family and friends and enjoy the season with us," said Kerry Saltonstall, Director of Communications. "If you can't be with us in person, enjoy the live-stream on Tabor Academy's Facebook page."

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Cemetery. Visiting hours will be on Thursday from 5-8 pm. For directions and guestbook, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

Edward L. Medeiros, age 84, passed away on Sunday, November 25, 2018 while in the loving care of his family. He was the devoted husband of Lorraine (Lussier) Medeiros for the past 62 years.

He grew up in New Bedford, MA with his parents, the late Albert D. Medeiros and Mary (Pereira) Govey, and with his brother, the late Albert D. Medeiros Jr. He graduated from New Bedford High School and was soon employed by New Bedford Institution for Savings. In 1957, he was drafted into the United States Army and was stationed in Germany. After returning home, he and his wife started a family and settled in Fairhaven, MA. He continued to work at the bank, where he became manager of the mortgage department, until becoming the owner/operator of NAPA Auto Parts in Bridgewater, MA. Ed and Lorraine eventually relocated to Mattapoisett in 1983 and then back to New Bedford in 2007.

Through the years he enjoyed skiing, golfing, bowling, square dancing, playing cards, dining out and traveling with his family and friends. One of his greatest joys was spending the winters in Port Charlotte, Florida following his retirement at the age of 55.

Survivors, in addition to his wife, are two daughters; Kathi Newman and her husband Max of Dartmouth, Gina Shorrock and her husband Steven of Mattapoisett, four grandchildren; Christopher Newman and his wife Julie, Ryan Newman, Natasha Shorrock and Alexa Shorrock; a sister-in-law, Nicole Medeiros, and a niece, Michelle Letts. He was uncle to the late Albert M. Medeiros.

His funeral mass will be held at St. Joseph's Church, 74 Spring Street, Fairhaven, MA on Saturday, December 15, 2018 at 9 am. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, PO Box 1000, Dept. 142, Memphis, TN 38101-9908 or www.stjude.org. Arrangements are in the care of Rock Funeral Home, 1285 Ashley Blvd., New Bedford, MA 02745. To leave a note of condolence: www.rock-funeralhome.com

If you have a notice you would like to have included in the Obituaries section, please contact our office at: 508 758-9055, by fax at 508-758-4845, or by email at office@wanderer.com.

Local Cable Programming

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PUBLIC ACCESS
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Thursday December 6, 2018
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Navigating the Way for Seniors
8:00 AM Health Talk
8:30 AM Seniors on the Move
9:00 AM Yoga for Health
9:30 AM Tae Kwon Do
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Holiday Mental Health
11:00 AM Southcoast Matters
11:30 AM Cape Conversation
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Perils for Pedestrians
1:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
2:00 PM Zen Conversation
2:30 PM Eastern Bank Financial Advice
3:00 PM Neighborhoods to Nations
4:00 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Tom Wessels
5:30 PM The Garage
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
6:30 PM Cape Cod Ragtime Festival
7:30 PM Legal Ease
8:00 PM What an Autistic has to Say with Chuck McIntyre
9:30 PM The Cinemaniacs!
10:30 PM Beyond Boston
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Friday December 7, 2018
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Health Source
8:00 AM 30 Medical Minutes
8:30 AM Tae Kwon Do
9:00 AM The Yoga Mat
9:30 AM Marijuana on Future Success
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Learning Music with Pat
11:00 AM Perils for Pedestrians
11:30 AM Wicked Good Food
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Gay USA
2:00 PM The Collective Chat
2:30 PM J9 on 9
3:00 PM The Steve Katsos Show
4:00 PM Transgender Rights with Chuck McIntyre
4:30 PM Armchair QB
5:30 PM Deutsch Welles Global Show
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
6:30 PM Cape Cod Ragtime Festival
7:30 PM Woman to Woman Today
8:00 PM Sippican Historical Oral Society - David Pierce
9:00 PM Words on Film
10:00 PM Fox Robbins Business Show
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Saturday December 8, 2018
6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoons
9:00 AM What's New? Massachusetts
9:30 AM Falmouth in Focus
10:00 AM Perils for Pedestrians
10:30 AM Holiday Mental Health
11:00 AM Southcoast Matters
11:30 AM New England Authors with Kameel Nasr
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Fox Robbins Business Show Part 1
1:30 PM Fox Robbins Business Show Part 2
2:00 PM Zen Conversation
2:30 PM Eastern Bank Financial Advice
3:00 PM Read, Rant, Repeat
3:30 PM ORRHS Adams Scholarship Ceremony
4:00 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Tom Wessels
5:30 PM Arts Alive
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
6:30 PM Armchair QB
7:30 PM Money Matters TV
8:00 PM What an Autistic has to Say with Chuck McIntyre
9:30 PM Duke of Sports
10:30 PM Words on Film
11:30 PM Democracy Now!

Sunday December 9, 2018
6:00 AM Veterans Voice
9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester
10:00 AM Marijuana on Mental Health
10:30 AM Health Talk
11:00 AM Tae Kwon Do
11:30 AM Perils for Pedestrians
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM 4 Deep Sports
2:00 PM The Collective Chat
2:30 PM J9 on 9
3:00 PM The World Fusion Show
3:30 PM Angel Talk
4:00 PM Transgender Rights with Chuck McIntyre
4:30 PM Wicked Green - Recycling
5:00 PM The Steve Katsos Show
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
6:30 PM ORR Football vs Apponequet - November 21, 2018
8:30 PM Sippican Historical Society - David Pierce
9:30 PM The Cinemaniacs!
10:30 PM Ghost Chronicles
11:30 PM Democracy Now!

Monday December 10, 2018
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Navigating the Way for Seniors
8:00 AM Health Talk
8:30 AM Seniors on the Move
9:00 AM Yoga for Health
9:30 AM Tae Kwon Do
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Cape Conversation
11:00 AM Wicked Green - Recycling
11:30 AM Beyond my Crisis
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Fox Robbins Business Show Part 1
1:30 PM Fox Robbins Business Show Part 2
2:00 PM Zen Conversation
2:30 PM Eastern Bank Financial Advice
3:00 PM Duke of Sports
4:00 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Tom Wessels
5:30 PM The World Fusion Show
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
6:30 PM Learning Music with Pat
7:00 PM Words on Film
8:00 PM What an Autistic has to Say with Chuck McIntyre
9:30 PM Don't Dis My Ability
10:30 PM Science 360
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Tuesday December 11, 2018
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM 30 Medical Minutes
8:00 AM Health Talk
8:30 AM Navigating the Way for Seniors
9:00 AM The Yoga Mat
9:30 AM Marijuana on Mental Health
10:00 AM Tae Kwon Do
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
11:00 AM Cape Conversation
11:30 AM Perils for Pedestrians
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Learning Music with Pat
1:30 PM Southcoast Matters
2:00 PM The Collective Chat
2:30 PM J9 on 9
3:00 PM Ragtime & All That Jazz
4:00 PM Transgender Rights with Chuck McIntyre
4:30 PM 4 Deep Sports
5:30 PM The World Fusion Show
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
6:30 PM Sound Off
7:30 PM Registers Report
8:00 PM Sippican Historical Society - David Pierce
9:00 PM Gay USA
10:00 PM Conversations with Dr. Don
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Wednesday December 12, 2018
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Seniors on the Move
8:00 AM Health Source
8:30 AM Stress in America (Part 1)
9:00 AM Stress in America (Part 2)
9:30 AM Yoga for Health
10:00 AM Tae Kwon Do
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
11:00 AM Upper Cape Tech Presents Careers
11:30 AM This is America & The World - Gen. Michael V Hayden
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Physician Focus
1:30 PM Legal Ease
2:00 PM Zen Conversation
2:30 PM Eastern Bank Financial Advice
3:00 PM Deutsch Welles Global Show
3:30 PM The Garage
4:00 PM Classic Drive TV
4:30 PM The World Fusion Show
5:00 PM Hollywood Movie Maker
5:30 PM Money Matters TV
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
6:30 PM Learning Music with Pat
7:00 PM Duke of Sports
8:00 PM What an Autistic Has to Say with Chuck McIntyre
9:30 PM The Opioid Epidemic (Part 1)
10:00 PM The Opioid Epidemic (Part 2)
10:30 PM The Cinemaniacs!
11:30 PM Democracy Now!

MARION GOVERNMENT
Comcast Channel 95
Verizon Channel 39
Daily Schedule
7:00 AM Marion Conservation Commission - November 28, 2018
9:00 AM Marion Board of Selectman - November 20, 2018
10:30 AM Marion Conservation Commission - November 14, 2018
12:30 PM Marion Board of Selectman - November 6, 2018
1:30 PM Marion Conservation Commission - October 24, 2018
4:00 PM Marion Special Town Meeting - October 22, 2018
6:30 PM Marion Conservation Commission - November 28, 2018
8:00 PM Marion Board of Selectman - November 20, 2018
9:30 PM Marion Conservation Commission - November 14, 2018

ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT
Comcast Channel 95
Verizon Channel 40
Daily Schedule
7:00 AM Rochester Conservation Commission - November 20, 2018
9:30 AM Rochester Memorial School Committee - November 15, 2018
11:00 AM Rochester Conservation Commission - November 7, 2018
12:00 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals - November 8, 2018
1:30 PM Rochester Board of Selectman - November 5, 2018
2:00 PM Rochester Planning Board - October 23, 2018
4:30 PM Rochester Historical Society - October 17, 2018
5:30 PM Rochester Conservation Commission - November 20, 2018
8:00 PM Rochester Memorial School Committee - November 15, 2018
9:30 PM Rochester Conservation Commission - November 7, 2018

EDUCATION CHANNEL
Comcast Channel 97
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Daily Schedule
7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly
7:30 AM ORRHS Adams Scholarship Ceremony
8:00 AM OC Football vs South Shore - October 5, 2018
9:30 AM ORR Pep Rally 2018
11:00 PM Sippican All School Meeting
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
12:30 PM ORRHS Adams Scholarship Ceremony
1:00 PM OC Volleyball vs Diman - October 22, 2018
2:00 PM ORR Football vs Fairhaven - October 12, 2018
4:00 PM ORR Football vs Ashland - November 9, 2018
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
6:30 PM ORR Football vs Apponequet - November 21, 2018
8:30 PM ORR Football vs Dedham - November 3, 2018
10:30 PM ORR Football vs Bishop Stang - October 26, 2018

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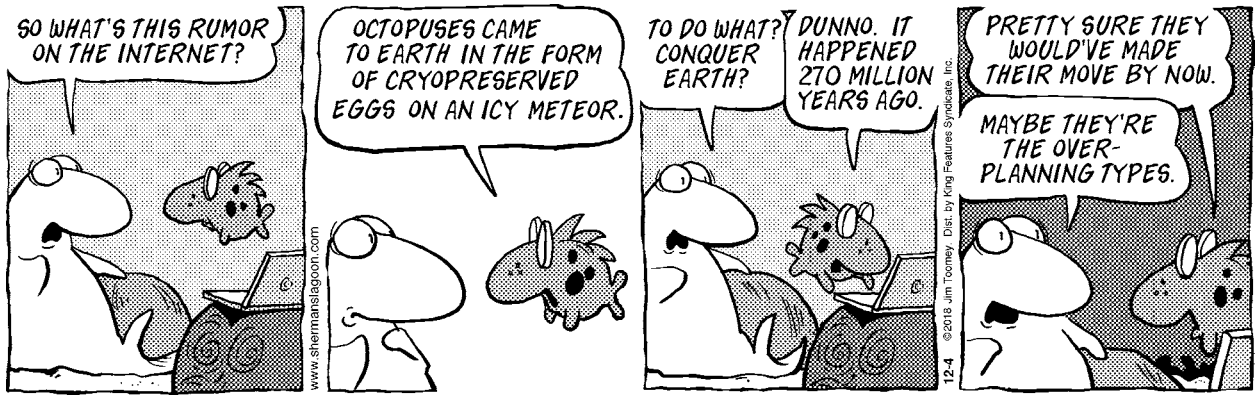
SHERMAN'S LAGOON
by J.P. Toomey



Science@Work Lecture

Learn with Tabor Academy during the second Science@Work lecture of the season.

As flu season takes hold, come out and learn something to stay healthy this winter from Tabor Academy's upcoming Science@Work speaker: a nutritional biochemist whose research focuses on boosting the immune systems of U.S. combat soldiers. His talk is titled, "The Ubiquitous Role of Zinc in Health and Disease."

Angus Scrimgeour, Ph.D., is a nutritional biochemist in the Military Nutrition Division at the U.S. Army Research Institute of Environmental Medicine (USARIEM), in Natick, Massachusetts. With over 17 years of experience developing animal models of human disease to validate nutritional countermeasures, Scrimgeour will provide insights into his nutrition research program that aims to boost the innate immune systems of U.S. combat soldiers.

Scrimgeour will discuss two very different research projects as examples of his work. The first, in Kenya where he studied the role of zinc in reducing

TriTown Happenings

Rochester's star-topped tree outside the Town Hall is dazzling this year with its new multi-colored lights lit for the first time on December 3 for the annual Rochester tree lighting ceremony. The RMS band and chorus kept the festive music going all the way up to Santa's exciting arrival via fire truck. Photos by Jean Perry

Santa and Mrs. Claus made a stop at the Marion Police Brotherhood's annual Pizza with Santa on Sunday, December 2, at the Benjamin D. Cushing Community Center. In addition to the jolly couple's company, children and families enjoyed the pizza donated by Brewfish and even helped kick the Brotherhood's Toy Drive into overdrive. Photos by Jean Perry

Tinker Saltonstall and Margot Stone of Marion are getting ready to place temporary signs in front of the five buildings Elizabeth Taber funded and donated before she died in 1888 at the age of 97. Photo courtesy Deborah Bush

These photos and more are available online at www.wanderer.com

infectious diarrhea, one of the world's most deadly diseases; and the second in The Netherlands where he worked side-by-side with the Royal Dutch Military explosives experts. Mild traumatic brain injury (mTBI) has become the signature injury in modern warfare. To address this problem, Scrimgeour has developed nutritional interventions that increase resiliency to neurotrauma in animal models. In 2017, this work effort was expanded to use similar diets in pre-clinical models of post–traumatic stress disorder.

The lecture is free and open to the public on **December 10** at 6:30 pm in the Lyndon South Auditorium in the Stroud Academic Center at 242 Front Street, Marion.

New Officers for The MAC Board of Directors

The Marion Art Center (MAC) Board of Directors approved a new slate of officers at their November 13 meeting. The executive committee includes Jennifer Wolfe Webb as President, Clare Healy Foley (continuing) and Wendy Cullum as Vice Presidents, Holly McDonough as Secretary/Clerk, and Nate Stewart (continuing) as Treasurer. At the same meeting, the MAC Board welcomed new members Jack Boesen, Christine Dole, and Philip Tifft. MaryBeth Mathieu, Heather Parsons, Michael Sudofsky, Anna Ward, and Liz West also serve on the Board of Directors. Along with recently hired Executive Director Jodi Stevens, the MAC Board will focus on three key strategic initiatives: integration - opening the MAC to

TriTown Happenings

The Ceramics and Art I students at ORRHS created these one-of-a-kind bowls to serve up hot soup during the school's first ever Project Empty Bowls fundraiser on November 29. The Empty Bowls Project is an international grassroots effort to raise funds and awareness of hunger. Proceeds from the event will go towards helping local folks in need put food in their families' bowls. Photo by Jean Perry

On November 28, the Marion Natural History Museum's afterschool group hosted Manny da Costa, a watershed scientist from Inter-fluve. Da Costa discussed some river restoration projects and taught about the importance of rivers for fish passage and water quality for our watershed. Student groups worked on problems involving hydrology, fish passage, riparian (rivers), and shellfish, and came up with some great ideas for protecting our watershed. Thank you to Manny da Costa for his interesting talk, and to the student volunteers from ORRHS and Tabor Academy. Photos courtesy Elizabeth Leidhold

Mattapoisett's most beloved seahorse got his Santa hat on Tuesday, December 4. The Mattapoisett Land Trust's annual tradition continues with help from the folks at Brownell Systems and their trusty crane. This year Alan Johnson braved a fear of heights to place the hat on top of Salty the Seahorse's head just right as MLT's Jenny Mello directed from below and Brownell's Tom Checkman operated the crane's controls. Photos by Jean Perry

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all; engagement - connecting the MAC to the community and its needs; and sustainability - ensuring that the MAC remains vital for present and future generations.

The MAC board also recognized the significant contributions of departing board members who have been essential in sustaining the mission of the MAC: former President Shelly Richins, former Secretary Laurie Knight, and Suzie Kokkins, who remains active on the theater committee.

MATTREC Winter Programs

Mattapoisett Recreation winter program sign up is open online. Keep the kids busy while it is cold outside! We have openings in the following programs:

2nd Grade Basketball is on Thursdays from 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm & 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Program runs 1/3-2/28 at the Center School Gymnasium. Each session includes a ½ hour practice and a ½ hour game. The perfect introduction to game play. This league is Co-ed. Cost is $55 and includes a game shirt. Registration deadline is 12/10.

K-1 Basketball evening session is on Wednesdays from 5:00 pm - 5:45 pm. Program runs 1/9-2/13 at the Center School Gymnasium. This program is an introduction to the game of basketball through drills and fun games. This league is Co-ed. Cost is $55 and includes a shirt. Register by 12/30.

Kid Fit is open to Grades K – 3 and is held on

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Movie Review

Witchy Women

By Rob Gonsalves
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***Suspiria* (2018). Starring Dakota Johnson and Tilda Swinton. Directed by Luca Guadagnino. Running time: 152 minutes. MPAA rating: R. In limited theatrical release.**

When director Luca Guadagnino says that his film *Suspiria* is less a remake of than an *homage* to Dario Argento's 1977 film of the same name, I believe him. The new *Suspiria* takes the preceding movie's basic premise — a young American woman (Dakota Johnson) arrives at a German ballet school, and supernatural shenanigans follow — and goes very much its own way. Guadagnino doesn't attempt Argento's virtuosic reveries of over-the-top bloodletting. His film *is* gory — *Suspiria '18* pushes the boundaries of an R rating ever further — but he doesn't try to replicate Argento's specific showstoppers. Instead, he gives us violence rooted in pain and fear. I suppose Argento's *Suspiria* is a sanguinary art bauble, high on its own color and soundtrack and ominous mood, not built to evoke more than spooky fun; Guadagnino's *Suspiria*, with a straight face, works nothing less than the Holocaust into its dark fable.

This will irritate some, no doubt, but Guadagnino is using the language of cinematic horror to inquire into the horrors real humans are capable of. I could go on in this vein, but I'm doomed to be honest and say that this *Suspiria* has so much under its hood the vehicle barely moves. It idles for two hours and change before ramping up to Vin Diesel extremes in its last act (there are six, plus an epilogue), at which point the art-house crowd may bolt for the exit and the horror-flick crowd may have followed Morpheus into the land of dreams. Guadagnino and his screenwriter David Kajganich meditate on the Germany of 1977, a country afraid of its own shadow and scarred with the wall that abuts the ballet school. What this has to do with witches (who are rumored to run the school) isn't clear, though I think the witches take power from collective shame and guilt.

Dakota Johnson continues to be a *tabula rasa* who could, in theory, be a canvas for art in an art-soaked movie like this, but isn't. As a dancer she's up there among a bunch of professional dancers; as an actress, she shares a lot of scenes with Tilda Swinton as the school's matriarch (and, swathed in latex, a couple of other roles). Swinton, as always, keeps her cool, though as the movie ratchets up to a pitch of hysteria not unlike that of *Hereditary,* Swinton meets a fate similar to Toni Collette's in that film. The movie is flooded with images of bodily mutilation, and after a while one stops charitably seeking subtext in the agonies of the flesh and begins to find it all just … ugly. Guadagnino's horrors are aggressively grotesque, but also easy to shake off; when Argento at his peak used violence, the set pieces tended to leave us a bit dazed, wondering what had hit us, and it had a pop-art pizzazz. It becomes clear that Argento's occult dread came from a different, purer section of the horror playbook than Guadagnino's does — it isn't tied to historical atrocities in a way that commands us to make the connection.

Guadagnino's fixation on the supposed horrors of aged, deformed female flesh starts to make *Suspiria* look schlocky and reactionary. The hero of the movie is not the bland Johnson's Susie Bannion, who in any case isn't what she seems to be; it's the ancient psychiatrist Dr. Klemperer, a man wounded by the Holocaust and dedicated to finding out why his patient (Chloe Grace Moretz; the movie sorely needed more of her), after speaking of witches at the ballet school, disappeared. Klemperer, as whoever cares knows by now, is also played by Swinton, who under the cloak of make-up allows Klemperer a quiet decency. The rest of it is chaos. Some will engage with it strongly enough to revisit it several times; I found it a chore to get through once, and not just because of its distended running time. It's unpleasant; it's not entertainment, but its art is mostly on loan.

Tuesdays from 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm. The program runs 1/8-3/5 in the Center School Gymnasium. Join Mr. C. for a new session of KidFit. Classes are designed to increase physical fitness and expend some energy all while having fun! Different games and sports will be played each week. Cost is $105. Registration deadline is 1/1.

Gymnastics Clinics are open to ages 5 & up on Fridays from 4:15 pm – 5:15 pm - choose Gymnastics or Tumbling. Program runs 12/7-2/15 at Old Hammondtown Gymnasium.

Bay State Gymnastics Academy's Gymnastics and/or Tumbling classes are perfect for beginner gymnasts as well as students with previous gymnastics experience. Qualified instructors will work individually with each gymnast on all 4 gymnastic events: Floor Tumbling, Balance Beam, Bars, and Vaulting. Tumbling classes are designed for any gymnast or cheerleader interested in working solely on floor/tumbling skills. Cost is $155 for an 8-week session.

Fencing is on Mondays. Ages 7-11 are at 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm and Ages 10-14 are from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Program runs 1/7- 3/11 at the Center School Gymnasium. All equipment is provided. This is an 8-week session. Cost is $165 and registration deadline is 1/1.

Center Stage Kids is open to Ages 5-12 and is held on Wednesdays from 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm and runs from 1/9-3/20 at the Center School Gymnasium. Children will learn various aspects of the performing arts and will participate in a theatrical production on the last day of the 8-week session. Perfect for children who need to gain confidence or for the family performer! Cost is $105 and registration deadline is 1/2.

Space is limited so make sure to register online today at our website www.mattrec.net. Questions on any programs should be emailed to mattrec@mattapoisett.net or call 508-758-4548.

Training Class Suicide Prevention and Intervention

The Tri-Town area Public Health Nurses along with the Plymouth County Suicide Prevention Coalition, invite you to a free training class titled QPR, (Question, Persuade, Refer).

This public event will be held on Wednesday, **December 12** at the Marion Music Hall, 164 Front Street, Marion from 6 pm – 8 pm.

QPR stands for Question, Persuade, and Refer; it is a basic training class that teaches you 3 simple steps you can learn to help save a life from suicide. Just as people trained in CPR and the Heimlich Maneuver help save thousands of lives each year, people trained in QPR learn how to recognize the warning signs of a suicide crisis and how to question, persuade, and refer someone to get help.

Invited guests are members from the Plymouth County Suicide Prevention Coalition, and Jennie M Babcock, Chair of the Coalition, will be the instructor.

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Tri-town Police Logs

MARION

Log highlights Nov 25-Dec 1

- Piney Point Rd – Health/welfare
- Converse Rd – Animal complaint
- Wareham Rd – Suspicious person/arrest
- Point Rd – EMS/medical
- Converse Rd – Officer wanted
- Front St – MV collision
- Point Rd – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – EMS/medical
- Point Rd – Animal complaint
- Wareham Rd – Health/welfare
- Main St – EMS/medical
- Delano Rd – 911 abandoned
- Point Rd – Suspicious activity
- Route 195 East – MV collision
- Pumping Station Rd – Larceny/past
- Point Rd – Paper service
- Lady Slipper Ln – Suspicious MV
- Village Dr – EMS/medical
- Route 195 East – MV collision
- Rebecca Dr – EMS/medical
- Point Rd - Disturbance
- Benson Brook Rd – 911 abandoned
- Front St – Follow up investigation
- Quail's Crossing Rd – Lost property
- Rocky Knook Ln – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd - Disturbance
- Front St – Officer wanted
- Wareham Rd – Health/welfare
- Piney Point Rd – Paper service

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights Nov 25-Dec 1

- I195 West – MV crash
- Barstow St – Health/welfare
- Brandt Island Rd – Health/welfare
- Neds Point Rd – Assist citizen
- County Rd – Duty related injury
- North St – Assist citizen
- Mattapoisett Neck Rd – Officer wanted
- Neds Point Rd – Restraining order
- Acushnet Rd – Follow up investigation
- Marion Rd – Sex offenses
- Fairhaven Rd – Assist citizen
- Industrial Dr - Vandalism
- North Woods Ln – Follow up
- Prospect Rd – Restraining order service
- County Rd – Follow up investigation
- County Rd – B&E
- Acushnet Rd – Assist citizen
- County Rd – MV crash
- Marion Rd – Sex offenses
- Fairhaven Rd – MV lockout
- County Rd – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- North St – Animal control
- North St – MV crash
- Barstow St – 911 hangup
- Fairhaven Rd – Suspicious persons
- Water St - Complaint
- County Rd – Suspicious MV
- North St - Trespassing
- Mattapoisett Neck Rd - Vandalism

ROCHESTER

Log highlights Nov 25-Dec 1

- Williams Way – Assist other PD
- High St – MV accident
- Braley Hill Rd – Suspicious MV
- Cranberry Hwy - Disturbance
- Vaughn Hill Rd – MV accident
- Vaughn Hill Rd – Serve warrant
- Cranberry Hwy – Assist citizen
- Cranberry Hwy – MV accident
- Walnut Plain Rd – Suspicious activity
- Douglas Corner Rd – Suspicious activity
- Sarah Sherman Rd – Firearms licensing
- Kings Hwy – Firearms licensing
- North Ave – Medical emergency
- Randall Rd – Lost/missing animal
- Ryder Rd - Investigation
- Burgess Ave – Inside investigation
- Cushman Rd – MV accident
- High St – MV lockout
- Alley Rd - Investigation
- Benjamin Dr – Medical emergency
- Neck Rd – Assist other agency
- Bishop Rd – Assist citizen
- Hartley Rd - Fraud
- Dexter Ln – Civil matter
- Dexter ln – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Taber Ln – Medical emergency
- Negus Way – Suspicious MV
- Paradise Ln – Medical emergency
- Dexter Ln – Firearms suspension

For a full PDF of the three towns' police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.

Regional Lunch Menus

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, Dec 10: American chop suey, Genoa blend, whole wheat roll, mixed fruit, yogurt cup

Tuesday, Dec 11: Portuguese chicken, scalloped potatoes, tomatoes & kale, potato bread, Mandarin oranges

Wednesday, Dec 12: Tossed salad w/dressing, vegetarian chili, cheddar cheese, white/brown rice, multigrain roll, banana

Thursday, Dec 13: Baked ham w/plum sauce, red bliss potatoes, Malibu blend vegetables, oatmeal bread, pumpkin pie, diet: low sugar pumpkin pie

Friday, Dec 14: Baked haddock w/lemon dill sauce, confetti rice, brussel sprouts, snowflake roll, applesauce cup

CENTER SCHOOL

Monday, Dec 10: Chicken nuggets, sweet potato fries, green beans, hummus & veggie cup **2nd choice:** Homemade chicken soup & cheesy filled bread sticks

Tuesday, Dec 11: Asian chicken, vegetable "fried' rice, garlic roasted broccoli, fortune cookie **2nd choice:** Homemade chicken soup & cheesy filled bread sticks

Wednesday, Dec 12: Pancakes, bacon, hash brown, cheese stick, mixed berries, fruit cup,**2nd choice:** Homemade chicken soup & cheesy filled bread sticks

Thursday, Dec 13: 2nd choice: Homemade chicken soup & cheesy filled bread sticks

Friday, Dec 14: Mac & cheese with a soft baked pretzel, tomato wedges **2nd choice:** Homemade chicken soup & cheesy filled bread sticks

OLD HAMMONDTOWN

Monday, Dec 10: Chicken nuggets, sweet potato fries, green beans, hummus & veggie cup **2nd choice:** Homemade chicken soup & cheesy filled bread sticks

Tuesday, Dec 11: Asian chicken, vegetable "fried' rice, garlic roasted broccoli, fortune cookie **2nd choice:** Homemade chicken soup & cheesy filled bread sticks

Wednesday, Dec 12: Pancakes, bacon, hash brown, cheese stick, mixed berries, fruit cup,**2nd choice:** Homemade chicken soup & cheesy filled bread sticks

Thursday, Dec 13: 2nd choice: Homemade chicken soup & cheesy filled bread sticks

Friday, Dec 14: Mac & cheese with a soft baked pretzel, tomato wedges **2nd choice:** Homemade chicken soup & cheesy filled bread sticks

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

Monday, Dec 10: Asian chicken, vegetable "fried" rice, garlic roasted broccoli, fortune cookie

Tuesday, Dec 11: Chicken fajita bowl: chicken fajita, fiesta rice, black bean & corn salsa

Wednesday, Dec 12: Pancakes, bacon, hash browns, cheese stick, mixed berries fruit cup.

Thursday, Dec 13: Spaghetti & meatballs, green beans, garlic bread stick, tossed salad

Friday, Dec 14: Chicken nuggets, sweet potato fries, green beans, hummus & veggie cup

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

Monday, Dec 10: Chicken nuggets, sweet potato fries, green beans, hummus & veggie cup **2nd choice:** Homemade chicken soup & cheesy filled bread sticks

Tuesday, Dec 11: Asian chicken, vegetable "fried' rice, garlic roasted broccoli, fortune cookie **2nd choice:** Homemade chicken soup & cheesy filled bread sticks

Wednesday, Dec 12: Pancakes, bacon, hash brown, cheese stick, mixed berries, fruit cup,**2nd choice:** Homemade chicken soup & cheesy filled bread sticks

Thursday, Dec 13: 2nd choice: Homemade chicken soup & cheesy filled bread sticks

Friday, Dec 14: Mac & cheese with a soft baked pretzel, tomato wedges **2nd choice:** Homemade chicken soup & cheesy filled bread sticks

SIPPICAN SCHOOL

Monday, Dec 10: Chicken nuggets, sweet potato fries, green beans, hummus & veggie cup **2nd choice:** Homemade chicken soup & cheesy filled bread sticks

Tuesday, Dec 11: Asian chicken, vegetable "fried' rice, garlic roasted broccoli, fortune cookie **2nd choice:** Homemade chicken soup & cheesy filled bread sticks

Wednesday, Dec 12: Pancakes, bacon, hash brown, cheese stick, mixed berries, fruit cup,**2nd choice:** Homemade chicken soup & cheesy filled bread sticks

Thursday, Dec 13: 2nd choice: Homemade chicken soup & cheesy filled bread sticks

Friday, Dec 14: Mac & cheese with a soft baked pretzel, tomato wedges **2nd choice:** Homemade chicken soup & cheesy filled bread sticks

OLD COLONY REGIONAL

Monday, Dec 10: Teriyaki beef stir fry bowl

Tuesday, Dec 11: Chicken nuggets, fries & bread

Wednesday, Dec 12: Spaghetti & meatballs & garlic bread

Thursday, Dec 13: Italian sub & fries

Friday, Dec 14: Assorted stuffed crust pizza

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Each member will come away with new and exciting ideas about international relations.
The 2019 Topics are: 1. Refugees & Global Migration; 2. Middle East: Regional Disorder; 3. Nuclear Negotiations: Back to the Future; 4. The Rise of Populism in Europe; 5. Decoding U.S. - China Trade; 6. Cyber Conflicts and Geopolitics; 7. U.S. & Mexico: Partnership Tested; 8. The State of State Department & Diplomacy.

The discussion program begins Wednesday, **January 16, 2019**, and continues for 8 consecutive weeks until March 6, 2019, from 1:00 pm - 3: 00 pm. The group meets at The Mattapoisett Library, 7 Barstow Street, Mattapoisett, Ma. in the community meeting room, which is accessible by the side entrance where there is an elevator.

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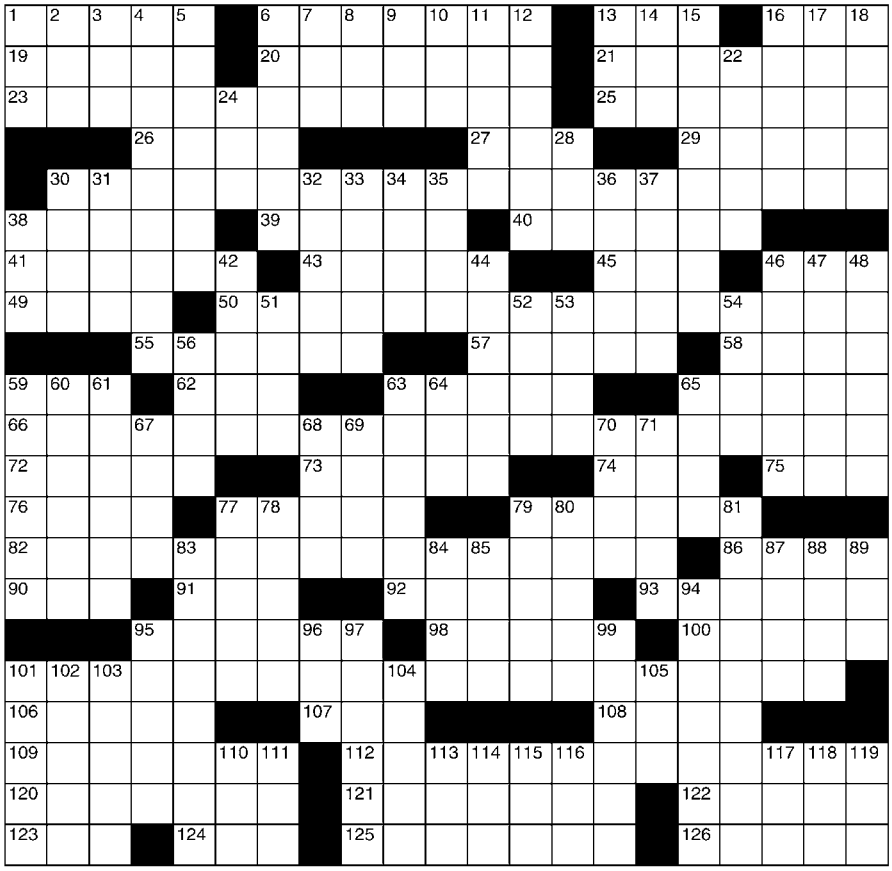
MANY MEANINGS

ACROSS
1 Build up
6 Features of gymnasts' horses
13 With a single flat, musically
16 Tam or fez
19 Start a web session
20 "Seriously!"
21 Measure in Ohm's law
23 See 112-Across
25 Metallic marble
26 German GM subsidiary
27 Ernie of the PGA Tour
29 Put forth, as effort
30 See 112-Across
38 Lake vessel
39 "I Go —" (Peter Allen song)
40 Hindu masters
41 Spies, e.g.
43 Kind of violet
45 — kwon do
46 With 87-Down, collectively
49 TV's Arnaz
50 See 112-Across
55 Singer King of "Tapestry"
57 Barmaid on "Cheers"
58 Name of five Norse kings
59 Profs.' helpers
62 "Man" or "12" lead-in
63 Gulf War missiles
65 Mold, as clay
66 See 112-Across
72 "The Wild Swans at —" (poem by Yeats)
73 Lawyer on "Ally McBeal"
74 H.S. math class
75 Blaster's stuff
76 Like much music of the '90s
77 "You — both!"
79 Many a Muslim
82 See 112-Across
86 Debussy's "Clair de —"
90 Bundy and Unser
91 "Mazel —!"
92 "— is human ..."
93 Like a perfect place
95 School skipper
98 Like back-in-fashion 12-Down
100 Buddy
101 See 112-Across
106 Microsoft ad campaign
107 Ear-relevant prefix
108 Paula once on CNN
109 Sleep-inducing drug
112 Not sharp, as a picture on a screen (and what 23-, 30-, 50-, 66-, 82- and 101-Across are, literally)
120 Comic actress Wiig
121 Alcohol in liquor
122 Comaneci of gymnastics
123 DOS part: Abbr.
124 "Assuredly!"
125 Wet outside
126 Clearing in the woods

DOWN
1 Alien of TV
2 Stooge of TV
3 Get riper
4 Very wise
5 Brief excerpt
6 Little oinker
7 "Holy cow!," in a text
8 Singer Tillis
9 — Zedong
10 Brian of electronica
11 Treated with calcium compounds
12 Fashion trends
13 ICU sights
14 "— fair!"
15 More woolly
16 Novelist Carr
17 "It's —" (delivery cry)
18 Calvin of golf
22 Dallas locale
24 "— Blu Dipinto di Blu"
28 Dallas-to-Austin dir.
30 Gerbil holder
31 Singles
32 "Fiddler on the Roof" star
33 Obliterate
34 Quick note
35 Ned who manages the Royals
36 Plate for the Eucharist
37 Picture
38 Blackguard
42 Scuffle
44 "Hey, bro"
46 Phrase after "café"
47 Fasten with a click
48 Onset
51 Nessie's waters
52 Lunar effect
53 Door fixture
54 Big-top cries
56 Church area
59 Port near Seattle
60 Musically keyless
61 Artists' wear
63 Tight-lipped
64 Quarter of M
65 USMC rank
67 Merrie — England
68 Inner: Prefix
69 Do, —, fa ...
70 Sprinkle, say
71 Skip over
77 Love, to Gigi
78 Kim of "Pal Joey"
79 Kinda maybe
80 Rush
81 Rudimentary
83 Horrible thing
84 Like slasher films
85 Look like
87 See 46-Across
88 Nearly here
89 Prefix with law or chic
94 Debonair
95 Sorts
96 Cpl., for one
97 Epithets
99 How slimy stuff seeps
101 Tiny wounds
102 University in Atlanta
103 Seasonally dry ravines
104 Molar, e.g.
105 Tore
110 Born, to Gigi
111 Lt.'s inferior
113 "— is it?"
114 Crow relative
115 Phenyl ender
116 FWIW part
117 Ore- — (food brand)
118 Meteor tail?
119 Scots' "no"



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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Keep your feelings to yourself as you work through an awkward circumstance. Complaining is useless, and also unwise since your words could come back to haunt you.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A sudden flash of Bovine practicality shows you how you might be able to turn your artistic pursuits into a profitable venture. A spouse or partner offers some sage advice.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Be prepared with several "Plan Bs" that you might have to use as backups just in case you encounter some troublesome complications with your carefully constructed schedule.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You might think you'll never have a free moment again with the demands of the workplace piling on. Cheer up. The pressure eases as holiday time nears. An old friend brings good news.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your Leonine pride might make it difficult to offer an apology to a co-worker you unintentionally offended. But a quick and sincere "I'm sorry" could prevent problems down the line.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) This is a good time to tackle those backed-up chores that have kept you from moving into other and potentially more worthwhile projects. A personal matter needs your attention.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You usually have no problem rushing to the defense of someone you perceive as being treated unjustly. But perceptions could be deceiving this week. Check the facts before you act.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Before you point fingers at who might be to blame for the unexpected change in your plans, take a few moments to reflect on how this turn of events might be a blessing in disguise.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You seek out advice in the first part of the week. But be careful not to let counsel from others overshadow your own sense of perception. Things become clearer by the week's end.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) The trusted colleagues you relied on earlier continue to offer support with your project. But you take more control, and by the week's end, you should be in full command.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Rely on your practical side while exploring investment possibilities. Caution is still your watchword in these matters. Your social life takes a gratifying turn by the week's end.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) An already confusing situation appears to grow murkier during the first part of the week. But it all starts to clear by the week's end. Plan to spend the weekend with someone special.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a passion for life that inspires others to follow your example. You could be a motivational speaker.

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The price for a single person is $35.00. If two people are sharing one text, the price is $45.00. This fee includes the cost of the textbook, one two-part classroom DVD, materials, refreshments, and a donation to the library.

The deadline for registration is December 29, 2019. The class is limited to 25 people and operates on a first-come, first-serve basis. The textbooks will be available on or around January 9, 2019, for distribution at the Library. Book distribution times will be posted.

To register for this program, please send checks payable to Mattapoisett Woman's Club, and indicate Great Decisions in the memo to P.O. Box 1444, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. Along with your check, include your name, address, email, and telephone number.

Tri-County Symphonic Band

'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the land, Town folks were gathering to hear the Tri-County Symphonic Band.

The Tri-County Symphonic Band, under the direction of Philip Sanborn, celebrates the festive holiday season with its annual Children's Christmas Concert on Sunday, **December 9** at 1:30 pm at the Sippican School, 16 Spring St., Marion, in the Multi-Purpose Room.

The concert is a wonderful family experience designed for all ages and is free of charge.

The Tri-County Symphonic Band will perform seasonal favorites including "A Most Wonderful Christmas", "Celtic Carol", "Christmas at the Movies" and "Christmas Lights".

A special part of this year's concert will feature the Sippican School Concert Choir, under the direction of Patricia Richard, performing a lovely setting of "Away in a Manger" and a colorful arrangement of "Up on the House Top." The Concert Choir will also perform "The Christmas Song" with the Tri-County Symphonic Band.

The youngsters in the audience will enter a drawing where the winners will play the sleigh bells with the Tri-County Symphonic Band in its rendition of Leroy Anderson's "Sleigh Ride".

The concert will conclude with a "Christmas Sing-a-long" featuring the Sippican School Concert Choir and special guests, followed by a volunteer community band called the "Cottage Street Jam Band", under the direction of Hannah Moore, leading a march from the Sippican School to Island Wharf to greet Santa as he arrives via "water sleigh".

As the band rounds the corner and jolly Santa's in sight, he wishes peace to all and to all a good night.

South Coast Children's Chorus

On Saturday, **December 8**, the South Coast Children's Chorus (SCCC) will take part in a joint performance with the Umass Dartmouth vocal ensembles, as well as the Carney Academy (NBPS) select choral ensemble. Join these dynamic groups for a night of wonderful performances and collaboration. The concert will take place at the Keith Middle School (225 Hathaway Blvd., New Bedford, MA.) The cost of attending this performance is $10 for adults and $7 for students. Children under 5 are free. For more information contact: SCCCsings@gmail.com, visit our website at www.singsouthcoast.org, or visit us on Facebook – southcoastchildrenschorus.

Rochester Council on Aging

For a complete list of monthly events, please see our monthly newsletter. The newsletter can be accessed on our website, http://rochestermaseniorcenter.com. Hardcopies are available at the Rochester Senior Center, 67 Dexter Lane, Rochester, MA 02770. Come in, say hello, and pick one up!

Follow us on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/rochestercoa.

Join us on one or more of our Holiday Trips in December! Please sign up in advance by calling or stopping by the Senior Center. A $5 donation is requested to secure your spot. Spaces are limited due to our van's seating capacity.

Sunday, **December 2**: Holiday Craft Spectactular, Event Center, Hanover Mall. Depart at 8:30 am and return at 5:00 pm. Admission is $7.00 (in addition to the $5.00 donation) and is payable at the event. Food vendors will

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TOWN OF ROCHESTER
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1129

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of STEVEN C & JENNIFER PROFFIT for property located at 514 Snipatuit Road, identified on Assessor's Map 41, Lot 6, who is seeking a Special Permit under Section VIII.D.6 to allow the enclosure of a guest house and a garage with a breezeway, with heat and electricity to make it habitable. The public hearing will be held on December 13, 2018 at 7:45 pm in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town Hall at 1 Constitution Way.

Richard D. Cutler, Chairman 11/29, 12/6

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing pursuant to Section 157 of Chapter 140 of the Massachusetts General Laws, at Rochester Town Hall on Monday, December 17th, 2018 at 6:30 pm to investigate complaints that certain dogs kept at 368 North Avenue, believed to be in the custody and control of LIBERAL TEIXEIRA of that address, are a nuisance dogs by reason of their barking. The Board of Selectmen acting as hearing authority shall consider the evidence as to nuisance, consider the failure to license any dogs on the premises and further consider any failure to comply with prior orders of the Board. Upon reviewing the evidence, the Board of Selectmen may take such action as is authorized under Section 157, or any other law. 11/29, 12/6

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
ROAD CLOSURE
PUBLIC NOTICE

The owners of OLD WOOD ROAD and HARBOR ACRES LANE will close these private roads to public traffic on December 8, 2018

Leona C. Mansfield
William E. Mansfield 11/29, 12/6

TOWN OF MARION
BOARD OF HEALTH
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Marion Board of Health will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at 5:30 pm in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House on the variance request submitted by N. DOUGLAS SCHNEIDER & ASSOCIATES, INC. pertaining to the property located at 50 Old Knoll Road, further identified as Map 17, Lot 20D.

The following variances are requested from Title 5 of the State Environmental Code and the Marion Sanitary Code (MSC):

310 CMR 15.104: Percolation Testing:
Request a variance to design the size of the leaching area based upon the sieve analysis rather than an actual percolation test.

310 CMR 15.212: Depth to Groundwater:
Request a variance to install the bottom of the soil absorption system 3 feet above the maximum seasonal high groundwater rather than the 4 foot requirement.

M.S.C. 4.60.2: Sewage System Flow Design Criteria:
Request a variance to design the leaching area for 467 gallons per day vs. the minimum 510 gallons per day requirement of the M.S.C.

Jason E. Reynolds, MD, PhD, FAAP
Chairman 11/29, 12/6

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
ROAD CLOSURE
PUBLIC NOTICE

Antassawamock Club, Inc. will close its private roads to public traffic on Wednesday, December 19, 2018.

Board of Directors
Antassawamock Club, Inc.
Anne Bedser, Secretary 12/6, 12/13

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
PUBLIC NOTICE

PRIVATE ROADS THAT NEED TO TAKE CORRECTIVE ACTION PRIOR TO SNOW PLOWING FOR THE 2018/2019 SEASON.

Private Road trimming is the responsibility of the Property Owners on that Private Road.

Trees & shrubs must be cut back 2 feet from the edge of the road and 12 feet in height to provide clearance for plows and emergency vehicles.

The Town of Mattapoisett Highway Department does not provide trimming services to private roads.

For snow plowing information please call The Highway Department at 508-758-4181, Monday through Friday, 7:00 am – 3:30 pm.

Updated 12-3-18
Private Road - Corrective Action - Cost of Material
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OLIVER ST - NEEDS GRADING - $75
PINE ST - REMOVE SPEEDBUMP

TOWN OF MARION
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at 7:10 pm at the MARION TOWN HOUSE, 2 Spring Street, on a Request for Determination (File No. 41D-1711) submitted by JAY FEENEY to demolish the dwelling and plant grass on the dwelling site at 270 Delano Road.

The site is further identified as Lot 9 on Marion Assessors' Map 5. Plans are available at the Town House for review.

Jeff Doubrava, 12/6

TOWN OF MARION
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at 7:30 pm at the MARION TOWN HOUSE, 2 Spring Street, on a Request for Determination (File No. 41D-1712) submitted by JIM FORKER to add a total of 3 sonotubes to support a bumpout for a revised stair (1) and a side porch (2) at 35 Spring Street.

The site is further identified as Lot 28B on Marion Assessors' Map 14. Plans are available at the Town House for review.

Jeff Doubrava, 12/6

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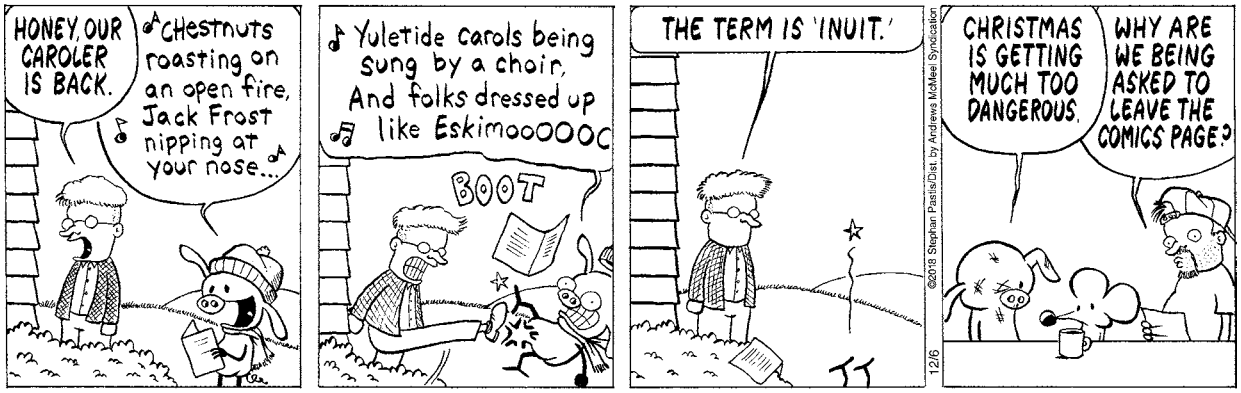
PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis



be available or bring a brown bag lunch.

Saturday, **December 8**: WIN-ter WON-derland Event at Plainridge Park Casino. In addition to the casino, there will be food and craft vendors. Depart at 9:30 am and return at 5:00 pm.

Sunday, **December 9**: Annual Mansfield Arts & Crafts Show at the Holiday Inn, Mansfield. Lunch items will be available for purchase on site. Depart at 9:00 am and return at 4:00 pm.

Tuesday, **December 18**: LaSalette Shrine, Restaurant & Gift Shop, Attleboro. Depart at 8:30 am and return at 5:00 pm.

Thursday, **December 20**: Shopping & lunch at Providence Place Mall. Depart at 8:30 am and return at 5:00 pm.

Please join us for our Annual Holiday Luncheon & Party on Friday, **December 14** at 12:00 pm! This is a complimentary meal, but reservations are required. Sign up in advance by calling us at 508-763-8723.

Our New Year's Eve Party will be held on Monday, **December 31** from 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm. Join us for a Chinese Food Meal to ring in the New Year! Please call 508-763-8723 to sign up. A $5.00 donation is requested.

Hanna's Special Luncheon will be held on Monday, **December 10** at 12:00 pm! Please sign-up in advance by calling the Senior Center. A donation of $5.00 would be appreciated. All are welcome.

Friday Movies!!! All are welcome to watch a movie on our 60" wall-mounted plasma TV! Great picture and sound and it is free! Please call the Senior Center on Wednesday to find out which movie will be playing. Movies start at 1:30 pm.

Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner/Fundraiser will be held by the Friends of the Rochester Senior Center on Thursday, **December 6** from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm. All are welcome! Tickets are on sale now and are $5.00 per person. Tickets will also be available at the door on the day of the event. There will be a Christmas Carol sing-a-long, Chinese Auction, 50/50 Raffle, and dinner!

The Senior Center will be closed the following dates:

-Monday, December 24-closing at 12:00 pm.

-Tuesday, December 25-closed all day.

-Monday, December 31-closing at 3:00 pm.

-Tuesday, January 1, 2019! Closed all day. Happy New Year!

Rides are available to and from all of our events. Please call us at least 24 hours in advance and we will be happy to provide your transportation. We look forward to seeing you soon at The Rochester Senior Center! Happy Holiday Season! 508-763-8723

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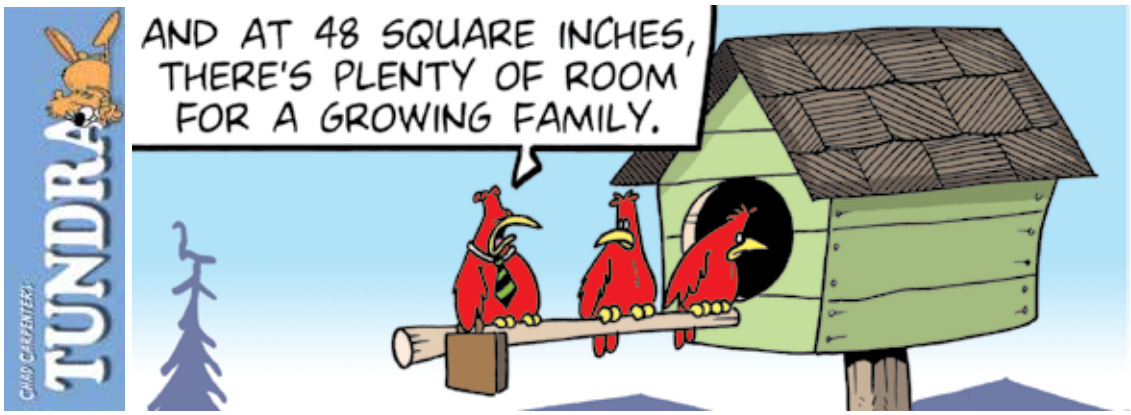

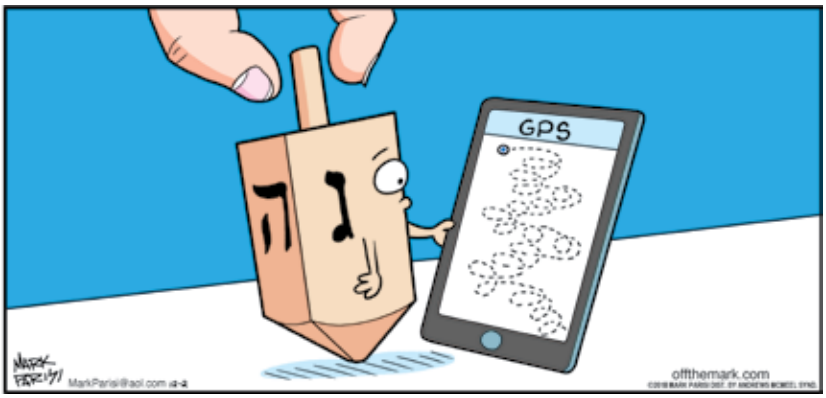

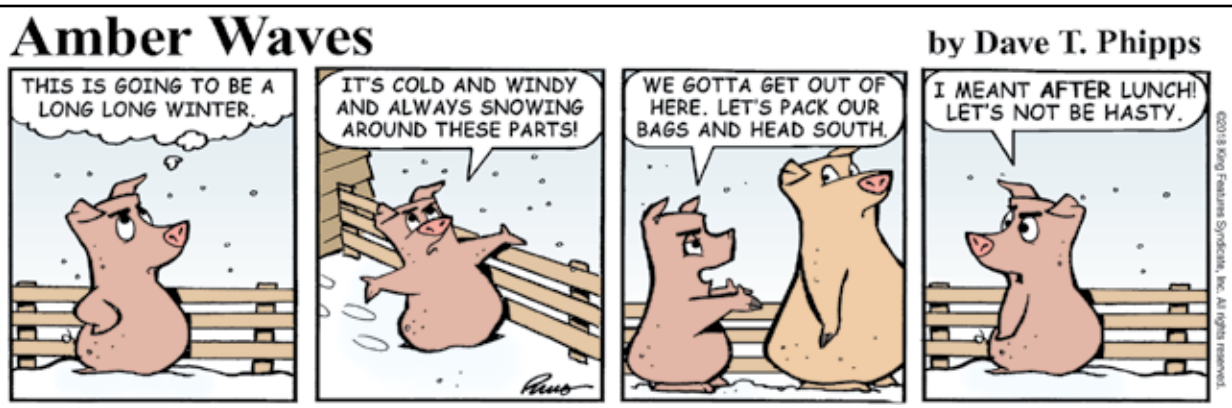

helps those in need. Helping Hands and Hooves will host the 15th annual Christmas Day Swim at 11:00 am at the Mattapoisett Town Beach.

Each swimmer is asked to give a donation of $15 (payable on the day of the swim) and the first 75 swimmers will receive a festive long sleeve t-shirt. 100% of the proceeds will go to Helping Hands and Hooves – a non-profit (based in Mattapoisett) that is dedicated to providing therapeutic horseback riding lessons for adults with disabilities.

If you would like to learn more about Helping Hands and Hooves, go to our website at www.helpinghandsandhooves.org. If you have any questions, please call Debbi Dyson at 508-758-4717 or email info@helpinghandsandhooves.org.

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever Opens at the MAC

The Marion Art Center (MAC) is pleased to present The Best Christmas Pageant Ever by Barbara Robinson, opening at the MAC on Friday, **December 7**, with subsequent performances on **December 8, 14, 15, and 16**. All Friday and Saturday performances will begin at 7:30 pm, while Sunday matinees on December 9 and 16 will begin at 2:00 pm.

The production is a family comedy in one act about a church Christmas Pageant that threatens to go horribly awry when a family of juvenile delinquents

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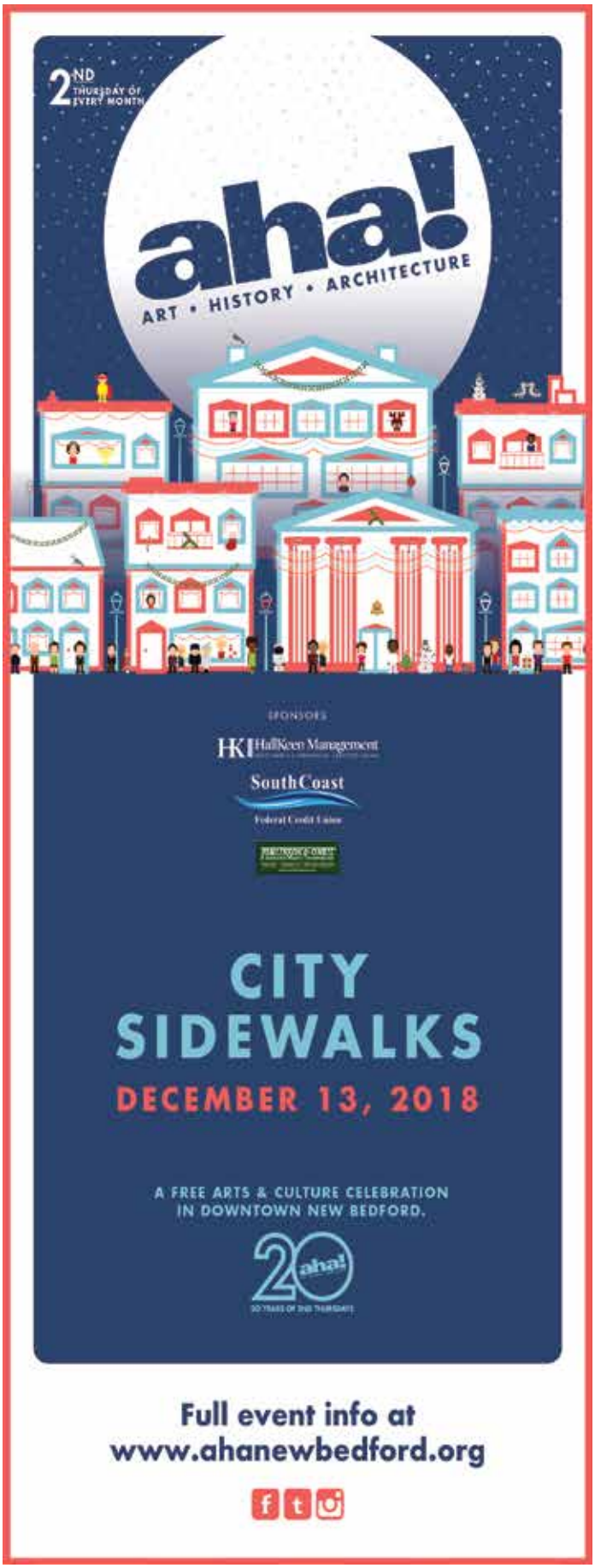

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Kenyon Rezendes	December 11
Paige Sommers	December 11
Sandy Hering	December 11
Stet Drake	December 11
Thomas Silva	December 11
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Derek J. Medeiros	December 12
Jessica Collyer	December 12
Louie Aiello	December 12

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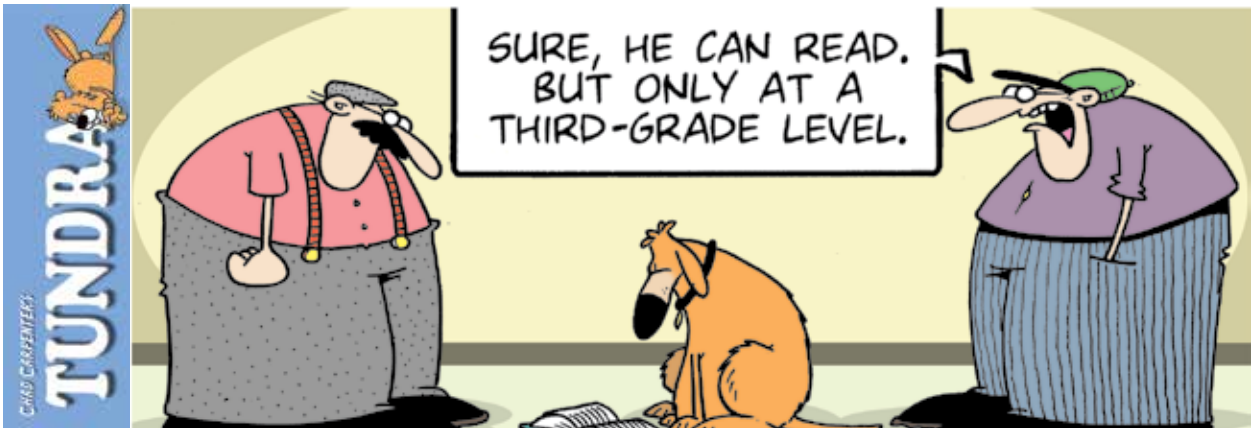

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Those behind the production include Director Kate Fishman, Margaret Laine and Amanda Moore as Stage Managers, Sound & Lighting Manager Steven McManus, Set & Tech Assistant Bernie Klim. Props & Costumes by Kristin Canto and Lee Dupre.

Tickets ($18 for MAC members; $20 for non-members) may be purchased in person, by phone, or online during regular hours: Tue-Fri 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm & Sat 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. The Marion Art Center is located at 80 Pleasant Street in Marion, MA. A limited number of cabaret tables are available for reserved parties of 4, and attendees may bring their own refreshments. Advanced purchases are strongly recommended.

BWAA Holiday Art Sale

The Bourne Wareham Art Association (BWAA) will hold its Annual Holiday Art Show and Sale at the Wareham Historical Society Meetinghouse, 495 Main St., Wareham on Friday, **December 7** from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm and Saturday, **December 8** from 10:00 am – 4:00

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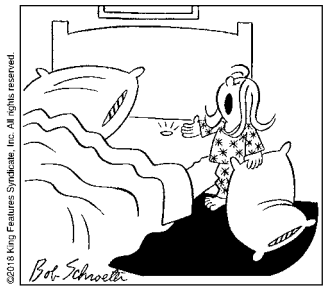

"Only a nickel, Mom! You'd think by now the tooth fairy would have heard about _____!"

TODAY'S WORD

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Upcoming Programs at the Mattapoisett Library

Writers Group - Join a group of writers who share their work and enjoy writing prompts the first Wednesday of each month from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. All genres welcome.

Holiday Open House - The library will be joining the community festivities Saturday, **December 8**. In addition to children's crafts downstairs at 1:00 pm, the Reading Rooms will be decked out for an Open House including refreshments from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. From 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm, holiday music will be presented by The Sea Glass Theatre, courtesy of the Mattapoisett Library Trust. Teens and adults are invited to make Holiday Book Crafts in the library's makerspace from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm. Drop in to enjoy altered book crafts and our 3D printer to create some one-of-a-kind gifts.

3D Holiday Ornament Workshops for Students - On Wednesday and Thursday, **December 12 and 13**, students are invited after school to create holiday gifts using the library's 3D printer. Stop in and see some examples created by librarian Elizabeth Sherry.

Irish Music Session for Families - Drop by the library on Sunday, **December 16** from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm for a lively Irish Music Session. Family and friends are welcome to bring an instrument, sing along, or simply enjoy the music and socialize. Everyone is welcome!

Holiday in the Park

The Town of Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen wishes to extend an invitation to all town residents to attend their 13th Annual "Holiday in the Park" and Stroll. The events take place on Saturday, **December 8**.

The fun filled day starts with The Mattapoisett Congregational Church Holiday Fair from 9:00 am to

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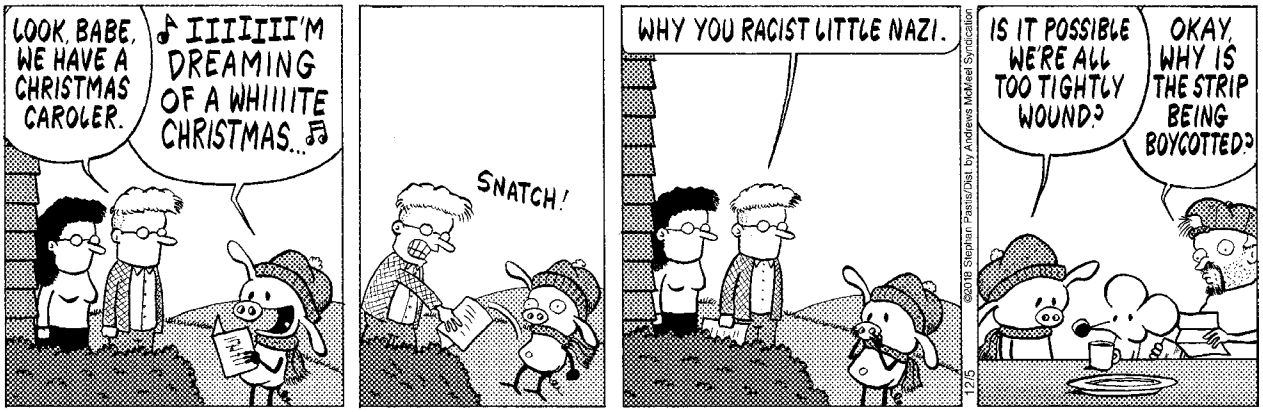
by Stephan Pastis



12:00 pm. Continuing the Stroll, you can make you way to the Historical Society for their Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair taking place from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Once you have completed your crafts, you can head over to the Mattapoisett Library from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm and listen to music or a story, have a snack, and make an ornament. On your way to Shipyard Park, you can support our Local Boy Scout Troop 53. They will be selling wreaths with free hot cocoa and coffee at the Town Hall from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

All of the fun and festivities conclude at Shipyard Park from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Santa and Mrs. Claus with be traveling through Town by Fire Truck, arriving at the Park along with Frosty and Rudolph. This year, there will also be some of Santa's Elves helping out in the park. The very generous food establishments in Town have donated some delicious samplings for your tasting. There will also be face painting and ornament making, along with the Holiday sounds of The Merry Carolers of ORR JHS who will be entertaining from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm in the Gazebo. Music and technical support will be provided by Rick LeBlanc.

All of this fun including the delicious food, is provided free of charge. However, the Lion's Club will be there collecting a new unwrapped child's gift along with canned goods.

New items this year: "Stuff the Sleigh". The Town's Sleigh will be located at the Park collecting: Clean, gently used coats, blankets, sleeping bags, and new winter socks. Santa's Mail Box is also a new addition. Anyone wishing to save the postage and have Santa take their letter directly to the North Pole can place it in Santa's Mail Box for immediate delivery.

The huge Adirondack chair will be in the Park again this year for pictures. Restrooms will be open to the public at the Library and Town Hall. Wishing a happy, healthy holiday season to all.

Holiday Luncheon and Cookie Walk

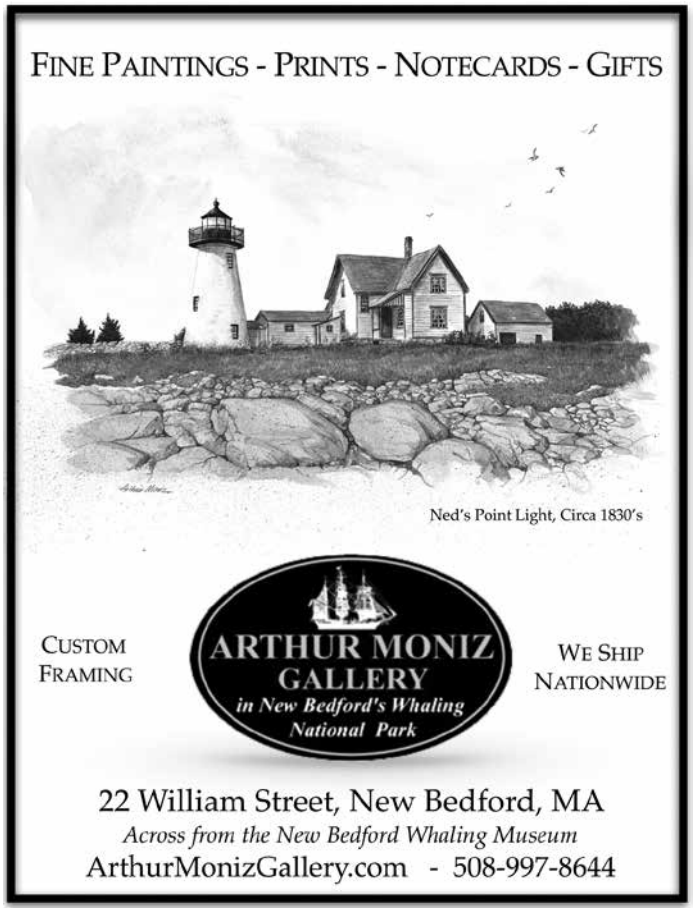
Stop by The First Congregational Church of Marion Community Center, 144 Front Street, on Saturday, **December 8**, from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm for the 28th Annual Holiday Luncheon. Enjoy a delicious lunch stop while on the Sippican Woman's Club Holiday House Tour, or just come by for a welcome break from the holiday rush. You could even win a door prize.

The luncheon features our famous hot chicken salad, along with cranberry compote, assorted homemade breads, beverages, plus cheesecake with topping for dessert. The cost of the luncheon is $10. Advance tickets may be purchased at the church office located on the first floor of the Community Center. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Returning this year is the popular Cookie Walk, which will be held at the same time as the luncheon. Some of the best bakers of the church will be busy making their signature cookies for this sale.

Your first step on the Cookie Walk will be to pick up a beautifully decorated cookie box. Next, you get to fill your box with a dozen of your favorite (or new favorite) cookies from the wonderful assortment offered. The boxes are then artfully tied up in baker's twine. The cost of each box of cookies is $10. These cookie boxes make a perfect hostess gift or a special treat when company pops in.

The Holiday Luncheon and Cookie Walk will be held on the second floor of The First Congregational Church Community Center, 144 Front Street, Marion, MA. Note: No wheelchair access. This building is located at the rear of the Marion General Store parking lot. Please park at the back right of the lot, or there is additional parking



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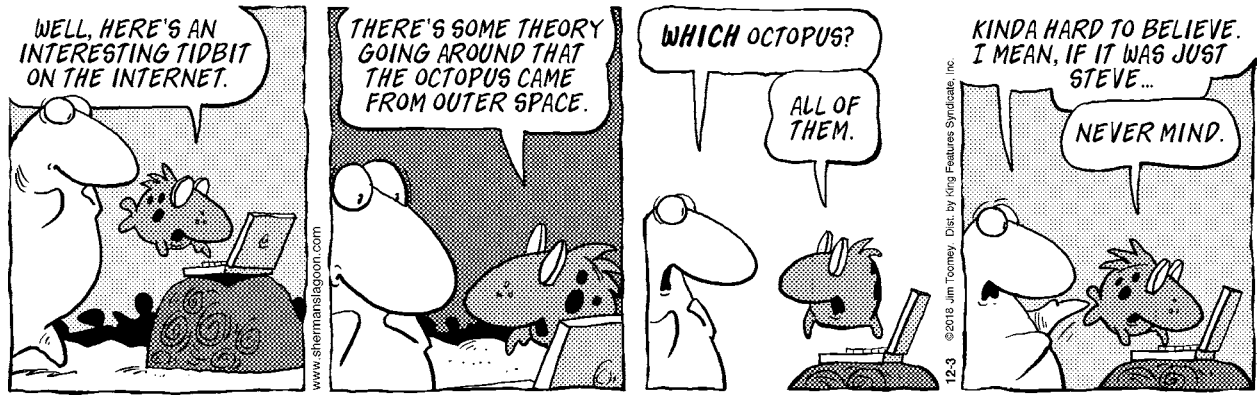

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The Occasion Singers Holiday Concert

Celebrate the season with music, laughter, and song. The Occasion Singers, directed by Cassandra Morgan, bring their unique talents and harmonies to concert goers during this special holiday event.

Come to The First Congregational Church of Marion Community Center on Saturday, **December 15**, to hear your seasonal favorite songs and enjoy an evening of music, food, and fun.

Doors open at 6:30 pm so you can savor complimentary appetizers and wine. At 7:00 pm the concert begins, with the Occasion Singers delivering their distinct brand of music. All will be treated to a full array of holiday songs. The concert runs until 9:00 pm.

Advance tickets are $25 and may be purchased at the Church Office (144 Front Street). Tickets may also be purchased at the door for $30; credit cards will be accepted. You may reserve cabaret seating by calling the church office at 508-748-1053.

The concert will be held on the second floor of The First Congregational Church Community Center, 144 Front Street, Marion. No wheelchair access. This building is located at the rear of the Marion General Store parking lot.

Old Rochester's Winter Farmers' Market

Come join us for the first of this years Old Rochester's Winter Farmers' Market. The Market will run the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Old Rochester Regional's Junior High School Gymnasium. The market this year will have seasonal produce, fresh-non-gmo/grass-fed meats, fresh cheeses, local honey, sweet and savory pies, breads, syrup, chocolates and fudge, cranberries, prepared foods, teas, warm alpaca items, soaps, oils artisan crafts, and much more. Story time brought to us by Elizabeth Taber Library and Live Entertainment. Shop local and fresh.

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Buyer(s)	Seller(s)	Address	City	Date	Price
Jay&Kathleen Rapson FT Rapson, Jay M	Baywatch RT Reis, Ana M	42 Fieldstone Ln	Marion	11/13/2018	$403,400
Knight, William	Cornford, Sally M Cornford, Frederick D	Oakdale Ave	Marion	11/15/2018	$75,000
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115 Fairhaven Road NT Chase, Daniel W	Whiskey NT Couto, Helen	115 Fairhaven Rd	Mattapoisett	11/14/2018	$315,000
117 Fairhaven Road NT Chase, Daniel W	Kinney, Jane A	117 Fairhaven Rd	Mattapoisett	11/14/2018	$192,500
Dandy RT Chase, Daniel W	Kinney, Jane A	119 Fairhaven Rd	Mattapoisett	11/14/2018	$192,500
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Bohnert, Gary R	Robertson, Elizabeth	60 Hathaway Pond Cir	Rochester	11/13/2018	$429,900
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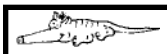
Local Tides

Day	Date	High a.m.	High p.m.	Low a.m.	Low p.m.
Thursday	December 6	7:01	7:21	12:00	1:05
Friday	December 7	7:44	8:04	12:37	1:40
Saturday	December 8	8:26	8:46	1:17	2:17
Sunday	December 9	9:07	9:28	1:59	2:54
Monday	December 10	9:47	10:11	2:42	3:31
Tuesday	December 11	10:28	10:55	3:24	4:09
Wednesday	December 12	11:11	11:40	4:07	4:49
Thursday	December 13	11:54		4:52	5:33
Friday	December 14	12:25	12:37	5:44	6:25
Saturday	December 15	1:09	1:22	6:51	7:23
Sunday	December 16	1:55	2:11	8:10	8:19
Monday	December 17	2:45	3:06	9:20	9:11
Tuesday	December 18	3:41	4:05	10:15	9:58
Wednesday	December 19	4:37	5:03	11:02	10:44
Thursday	December 20	5:29	5:55	11:48	11:29
Friday	December 21	6:19	6:46		12:34
Saturday	December 22	7:08	7:36	12:16	1:23
Sunday	December 23	7:58	8:26	1:05	2:12

Phases of the Moon		
	New Moon	December 7th
	First Quarter	December 15th
	Full Moon	December 22nd
	Last Quarter	December 29th



I Found the Aardvark!

Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

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To enter visit: www.wanderer.com and Click on *I Found the Aardvark*

In the November 29, 2018 issue the Aardvark was on page 48!

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Today's Word

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Sudoku Answer

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Rainbow Carrots $2.49

Quality Meats, Deli & Prepared Foods

Please visit our revamped Prepared Foods Section with all new homemade recipes. Great new ready-to-go meals, and side dishes!

USDA Choice
Certified Angus Beef®
Boneless
Shoulder London Broil
$4.99 lb.

Allen's
Chicken Tenders..... $3.79 lb.

Boar's Head
Deluxe Ham ..... $8.99 lb.

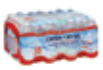
Boar's Head
All Beef Bologna ..... $5.99 lb.

Boar's Head
Lacey Swiss Cheese..... $8.99 lb.

Fresh, Bone-In
Center Cut Pork Chops
$2.99 lb.

Grocery, Dairy, Frozen & Bakery

35 Pack, Half Liter Bottles
Crystal Geyser Spring Water..... $3.99



14.5 oz. Selected
College Inn Broth ..... 99¢

12-16 oz. Selected
Newman's Own Dressing..... $2.99

13 oz. Original or Cinnamon
Quaker Life Cereal.... 2/$4

4 lb. Bag
Food Club Granulated Sugar..... 2/$4

15-24 oz. Selected
Newman's Own Pasta Sauce..... $1.99

8 Pack, 12 oz. Cans Selected
Spindrift Sparkling Water $4.99 Plus Dep.

14 oz. Jellied or Whole Berry
Food Club Cranberry Sauce ..... 99¢

Specialty, 15 oz. Pkg.
Dessert Shells..... 2/$3

Fresh Store Baked, 22 oz. Pkg.
Raspberry Pie $4.99

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PLUMB CORNER MARKET

Our new self-service
Hot Bar/
Soup Station
is now open!
Plan your lunch or dinner
with us!
We also now have
Rotisserie Chicken
$7.99ea.

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Plenty of Parking · Friendly Service · Weekly Specials

Be sure to check out our selection of Prepared Foods to make mealtimes easy and delicious!

Open Every Day from 7am to 9pm

SALE EFFECTIVE: Friday, December 7 – Thursday, December 13, 2018

Blockbuster Savings!

USDA Choice Certified
Angus Beef®
85% Lean/15% Fat
Ground Chuck
$4.99 lb.

Plumb Corner
In-Store Baked
Turkey Breast
$7.99 lb.

8 oz. Selected
Shurfine Shredded or Cheese Bars
3/$5

16 oz. Selected
Frozen Yogurt or
Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream
$3.49

12 oz. Bottles
Extra or Light
Corona 12 Pack
$14.99 Plus Dep.

1.5 Liter
Australian Wines
Select Varietals
Yellow Tail
$10.99

Wine Shop & Beer Cooler Specials

All Beer is Plus Deposit

750 ml
California Wines
Select Varietals
Mirassou
$8.99

750 ml - Spanish Wines, Rioja Muga	$13.99
750 ml - California Wines, Pinot Noir Mark West Black	$10.99
750 ml - California Wines, Chardonnay Josh	$12.99
750 ml - Imported & Domestic, Select Varietals Cupcake	$9.99
3 Liter Box - California Wines, Select Varietals Corbett Canyon	$11.99

12 oz. Cans
Coors Light 18 Pack
$15.99

12 oz. Bottles
Blue Moon 12 Pack
$13.99

We have over 75 varieties (and more coming) **of wines that are only 3/$15** or $5.99 ea.
Mix & Match wines from California, France, Italy, Argentina, Chile and Australia.

Come in & check out the selections!

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